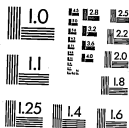


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This series contains correspondence, financial records, legal records, scrapbooks, and other documents relating to members of the Edison and Miller families. Most of the items for the period 1887-1898 pertain to the activities and interests of Edison's second wife, Mina Miller Edison, and to the maintenance of Glenmont, Edison's home in Llewellyn Park, N.J. There are also several contracts and other legal records from the period 1867-1900. The majority of items in this series were donated to the Edison National Historic Site during the 1990s by the Charles Edison Fund, East Orange, N.J., and are part of a record group entitled Charles Edison Fund Collection (1873-1987). A finding aid is available at the Edison National Historic Site.

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Souvenir Book. This scrapbook covers the period 1891-1928. It contains invitations, programs for recitals and other social occasions at Glenmont, and other memorabilia.

CORRESPONDENCE

These letters cover the period 1884-1898. Most of the correspondence is addressed to Mina Miller Edison. There are numerous letters from her mother, Mary V. Miller; her sister, Jane (Jennie) Miller; and her stepdaughter, Marion Edison. There are also letters by Mina's stepsons, Thomas A. Edison, Jr., and William L. Edison; by their teachers; and by various members of the Miller family, including her father, Lewis. Also included are items authored by Mina Edison and some letters addressed to Thomas A. Edison. The correspondence deals mainly with the domestic life and activities of the Edison and the Miller families. The letters contain numerous references to Thomas A. Edison's work schedule, his health, his paternal and spousal role, and his relations with the Miller family. There are also items pertaining to his wedding; Mina Edison's pregnancies; the health of family members; time spent at Glenmont, Fort Myers, and Chautauqua, New York; Marion Edison's years in Europe and her marriage to Oscar Oeser; and the education of Thomas A. Edison, Jr. and William L. Edison at boarding schools. About 50 percent of the correspondence has been filmed.

In addition to the correspondence by family members, there are numerous letters addressed to Mina Edison dealing mainly with the purchase of goods and with charitable donations. Some items pertain to the financial needs of nonprofit and other institutions, including the Orange Free Library, the New Jersey Home and Training School for Feeble Minded Children, and church and hospital funds in Fort Myers, Brooklyn, and Newark. Letters selected for filming relate to Edison's health, Marion Edison's French tutor, Mina Edison's charitable activities, and her \$50,000 loan to Aultman, Miller & Co. of Akron, Ohio.

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**CORRESPONDENCE BY
MARION EDISON OESER**

1887-1888



My dearest Papa.

It is Sunday
after-noon, every one mostly
is writing and I thought
I would follow suit. I have
been trying every day since
our arrival here to write
you as I promised, but there
has been so much visiting
on hand that it was sim-
ply impossible. He arrived
here Thursday after a long
and dusty journey, I really
think that some of our party

would have died before we got here if we had not stopped over at Leake Thier and Jack-sonville. I suppose Maria must have told you all about our trip so there is little left for me to tell but I will endeavor to tell you what will have been doing since our arrival. Saturday we all went down to Canton to see Robert & Louise. I think their house is very pretty indeed but it does not in my estimation. come up to Irah although seven out of nine like it better. Louise made a charming hostess and seems to be very happy.

Auntie Leake (Mrs. Leake you remember her.) is visiting at Robs. she seems very feeble and it is really painful to look at her. I am glad to hear that Mr. Miller makes his little son take his medicine every day. You may well be glad that you did not come north with us, it is as cold as an Ice-burg here and the trees have hardly commenced to bud yet. I think if it keeps on very long you had better buy your tickets for July. I have not commenced to study yet but expect to tomorrow morning if Maria

M^cWilliams gets here in time from Canton where she has been staying since Thursday, she told me before she went that I must have all my visiting with Grace over by Monday and that I must try and do as well up here as I had done at Myers. You see darling Papa we in this world always have a little sweet with the bitter. Minnie feels rather hurt that you have not written her, she says she has written you four letters and has not had an answer to any of them, please for my sake

do not tell her that I said any thing about it but I really think you ought to write her very often if you dont intend having a cyclone soon. Tell dear Papa I am afraid my stock of news is nearly exhausted so I will close my hasty letter. Minnie is down stairs writing to you so you will just get ours together. All congratulations upon shooting at a dead alligator. Please, Mrs. Miller and Grace send love to you and to Mr. Miller also accept love from me to him and to yourself. Tell Lena to be a good girl

and tell Jack to study
hard. With wishes & wishes
of love and hoping to hear
from you soon I remain
as ever your true and affection-
ate daughter

George.

April 24th 1887.

Schererstadt.



My dear Mamma.

Many, many
thanks for your love and remembrance.
You have already had your
desire, you have indeed been to me
a kind and true mother and
I hope you think that I appreciate
it. The little daisy pins are lovely, they
just match my big pin, they will
look so pretty with my white dress.
Mr. Insull is just lovely and we are
having a jolly time, he is now at
the factory but when he comes home
he is going to take us for a ride. We
rode last night from Albany here
and today we are pretty tired out

and I have a sort of headache
so you will excuse this short and
badly written note. Mrs. Birmer
sends her best regards to you and
Papa and hopes you are well.
Give my love to Papa and keep
a good share for yourself. I think
you had better write here, if you
write before Sunday or after Sunday
to Akron.

Your loving daughter
Marian.

July, 2nd / 1887

BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass., Mar 22nd 1888

My dear Maama,

I have positively been so
busy since ^{1st week} that I have hardly had
a moment to write and have hardly
more than that now. I got home to school
all safer sound on Monday and am
now nicely settled and ready for
work. My room parlor mate were not back
when I got here but are here now and
do not seem to be able to think of a
thing but the good time they had
at home. Would you please tell
papa that I would like to have \$50.00
as soon as possible which will make
exactly a \$100.00 since September which
I know you think is very bad but I don't.

Give my love to Papa, boys and
except lots of love from me for yourself
Take the best of care of yourself & you
will come through all night. write
soon to your loving daughter

Thy sister

Sent to Mrs. P. B.

Bradford Academy, June 22, 1888.

Report of Miss Marian E. Edison.

for term ending Wednesday, June 23, 1888.

Results of study, Arithmetic - Good
Music, Bible + Geography - Very Good
History + Comp. - Excellent

Faithfulness in study, Very Good

Deportment, Excellent

Annie E. Banner, Principal.

Excellent—Highest Grade.
Very Good—Second Grade.
Good—Third Grade.
Pass—Fourth Grade.
Fail—Lowest Grade.

BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass., Oct 16th 1888

My dear Mamma,
Your letter of last Sunday I received this morning, I am very sorry I said what I did in my last letter I did not think you would take offence at it I only said what I feel and what I have felt for some time past but I shall be careful in the future not to express my thoughts so frankly, now please forgive me I will never say anything so unkind again to you, I do love to hear from you even if you don't think I do, if you

it only knew how badly it has
made me feel because you
have written so seldom this
year so far. I received my
box this morning it will be very
serviceable I think for I have
been very much troubled with
mice also another kind of mouse
who seem very fond of money
but as I can now lock up my
money in the box I am rid of
both kinds of mice. I took my
first elocution lesson last
night I think I shall enjoy
them very much, I think that
Mrs. Susan is perfectly lovely
and seems to take a great
interest in me, she spoke of
having received a letter from
you, she told me to give you
and baby her love when I next
write. Please Mama dear forgive me
and I will never say anything more to you. With love 9th. 3

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UNDATED CORRESPONDENCE BY
MARION EDISON OESER
CA. 1887-1888



My dear Elmore,

I shall have
very little to tell you in
this letter for I only wrote
you just the other day
but you bid me to write
you once a week if only
to tell you whether or not
I am well. We have been
having bitterly cold weather
lately, this last week I have

as they were finished. I
think the ones taken in
Oranah are much better
than those I take; now do
not forget your promise
for I am ever so anxious
to have one for this one so
cute. I received an invitation
from Lamm Leach for me
to come to meet her
soon long in coming for
I did not leave the time
to send my regrets also
another invitation for a
party in New York. I would
not go if it was convenient

not had the courage to
venture out and consequently
do not feel very well, if I
miss one day my exercise
I feel the effect for a week
afterwards that shows that
regular habits are necessary
to perfect health. I don't
think you take enough
exercise, sometimes I
marvel how you keep
well when you seldom
if ever walk. You must
not forget Thoma that
you promised to send me
one of baby's picture as soon

for such things are not
much in my line and
besides I have become a
perfect baby sister and
it makes me anxious for
I will never be able to go
any place and feel at
home & I keep on getting
so stupid & bashful. I
have said all I intend
to about my studies I leave
it entirely to you I have
begun not to care what
becomes of me. Give my
love to all and keep a
good share for yourself
Marianne

Bradford.

My darling Papa.

I really
meant to write you before but
I have been so busy ever since
I got here that I have not
had a minute to myself.
I am very much pleased with
my school and I would be
very ungrateful if I did not
study as hard as I could.
I practice two hours a day
and take a music lesson
twice a week and if I cant
play at the end of this year

be very happy in having
such a noble woman to love
you and I hope it will ever
continue so. Did you ask
papa was here ^{last} ^{time} ^{advice}
from a daughter before, one
would think that I had
you over the trials of life
and were try to make you
profits by my experience. I
have just written to Minna
and she will probably get
it tomorrow. I hope the
boys are well and that
something will be done
about Willie, it is really
a shame how he is
growing up and I don't
think it is doing him any

then I will give up. It is
simply ^{just} ^{now} ^{even} ^{to} ^{be}
is so kind and we all get
along so nicely, the climate
is simply lovely, it has al-
ready begun to get cold and
if it keeps on I really think
we will have snow. I
hope the laboratory is
nearly finished and that
you are happy in its
completion. Minna was very
kind to me when she
was here and I really think
papa that I love her
truly and that every day
she takes more and more
the place of my own
mother, you ought to

good to go, our went, perhaps
you will find the truth
of these words to late but
I hope not. Thus Mina
decided where she is going
to send the little boys?

Dear, darling, papa I hope
that I shall be such a
nice woman and so
accomplished that you
will not altogether think
that I am underestimating
of all you have done for me
I study all day now and
not only for knowledge but
to show you that I love you.
Give my love to Mina and
the boys and keep lots of
love and kiss from
Your daughter
George.

BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass., _____ 1888

My dear Mama,

Papa's telegram arrived
yesterday ay while I was at dinner and you
can suppose that I was surprised, I
didn't realize that the time was so near
for your last letter you seemed so well
that I hardly thought it possible, I hope
you will soon recover as doubtless you
will as you were in bed comparatively
so short a time before. I wish Papa had
telegraphed more of the particulars as
I don't know even now whether you
are dead or alive. Grandma I suppose
is now at Lowell you give her my love.
I do not suppose you are as yet able to write
but I do wish you would let me know by
Grandma or Papa how you are

and about everything that would
interest me including of course about
your little babe. Give my love to all
and keep lots of love for yourself

Marion Edison

BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass.,

1881

My dear Mamma,

As I am writing this in study hours you will have to excuse my writing in pencil. I was sorry to hear from Miss Johnson that you are not as well as might be expected, when do you expect to be up? I hope you will surely be up when I get home, you must tell Grandma & Miss J. for me to take good care of you for me because I am not home to help them, doubtless if I was you would become well in a ditty. Miss J. did not

say in her note to me whether
you have decided to name
baby, Grace or not. I hope you
will dear Mauna for if she is
like the one she is named after
she will be very lovely. I have
three examinations today
and have been "blinking" all
the morning but I thought I
would take a little recess and
write you a note but I am afraid
I shall have to resume again
my study. Give my love to all
Miss Treason sends her compliments
to you and hope for your recovery
soon. Good bye

U. E. E.

BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass., _____ 188

My dear Maria

How can I begin to tell you what a perfectly grand time I have been having in Lowell. I went to the theatre one time and to a ball and to hear Mr. Harvard. The club, a young gentleman took us for a ride. His sister went as chaperone we went to a lake and crossed the lake in a row boat and gathered ~~some~~ wild flowers on the opposite side, he is a Mr. Green who is at the "Divinity School" at Yale College. I think I made a conquest as he called three times and sent me a beautiful bouquet the night of

the ball. We went into Boston twice
to the theatre and dined at the
Parker House, Mrs Kelley is
simply lovely and seemed to take
such a liking to me, she went
to so far as to invite me to come in
"one night after commencement"
and spend a few days at the Tourist
House which is near Boston have you
any objections to my going, I met
lots of lovely people who tried their
best to spoil me and as Uncle says
sometimes I am startled at my
very success do not dear Maria
condemn me for these little follies
as it is only lately I have learnt
to tell you such frivolous things
in fear of your condemnation.
Mrs Kelley is also a step-mother
and gave me some very sound
advice as to little every day things
I saw a great deal between May

BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass.,

1888

and she that proved to me that
if ever we have had a little trouble
at home I have I fear been doubtless
many times in the wrong. I saw
Mrs Spaulding but not her daughter.
Their house is lovely and I was
sorry Mrs Kelley did not know
her well enough to call upon her as
I should liked to have met her. I
let in Tuesday and I did not
come back until Friday and Miss
Johnson just lectured me about
two hours, I should have felt different
about staying if I could not make
up my lessons but as I am going
to I felt perfectly comfortable in
staying as I did. I had my pictures

taken and I will send you one
if they come soon enough. 'sist
Maime Bradley a little mottled
under-neck before I cut away. Love
me both all and accept both for yours
self Good bye

R. E. L.

R. E. L. says top is and as much
higher

My dear Mama
I feel very
much ashamed of myself for
not writing before but I have
done so late that a month
after I have written you does
not seem more than a week
but now I am going to write
you a good long letter to thank
you for my lot & also to tell
you what I have been doing
this vacation and what
kind of a time I have been
having. Just let me thank
you Mama dear for my
lovely box I saw from the
contents that you have not
forgotten what it's like
most when they are away

shoped and every other
imagineable thing in the
world. We are surely going
to Ekron for Christmas is are
we not? I don't expect to start
before Mon. Day for Ekron. I don't
want to go home first. School
lets out Friday morning
and we look start for
Ekron until Monday
I can spend Saturday &
Sunday at home, my real
reason is that I want to
get some things at home
won't you please write me
as soon as possible what
you think or telegraph me
as I want to get my ticket
at a reduction and I
will have to send for it
next week. now Mamma
please do not forget this
as it is important to me

from home, I am very glad
that you did not send away
for it is really so good that
I make myself sick. I heard
from Edith & know that you
are spending a few days
at the home are lie so as
to do all your Christmas
shopping that probably
the season my box came
from Park & I for he, I think
you were very wise in going
in the city for your shopping
the hardest part of shopping
for us is the ride on the
cars into New York. I have
had a perfectly lovely time
this vacation it would be
much easier to tell you
what we did not do than
to attempt to tell you what
we did do. I wish five times
to the theatre and rode and

I read in the paper that
Papa had been thrown
from his carriage but
it also said that he was
only slightly injured
so let's not get worried
at all. Give my love to
Mum and the boys also
only and yourself with
a good night. Love
Willie W.

~~My dear Anna~~
~~My dear Anna~~
~~My dear Anna~~
~~My dear Anna~~
~~My dear Anna~~

My dear Anna,

Your last letter
I received last Tuesday. I
was very much surprised at
what you said in it. I have
not a doubt but what you
say is perfectly true but I
certainly did not realize
that it was not nice to
go without my drawers. I
have warm drawers this winter
but to be frank it was only
because I felt cold. I did not
wear them in the
summer because I am
always so warm that
I wear as little as I possibly
can. I have three pairs of

but I really never thought
about it until you wrote.
Mamma I have come to the
conclusion that I would
rather come home I am
not only down in my
own estimation but also
in other people's. Of course
it would be all right to
stay with as little work to
do as I have but I do not
have enough to keep me
out of mischief or to keep
me interested in my
studies. As I said before
if I had not gotten in with
the girls I had, staying
here would be all right
except I would not improve
any but I have gotten on
with girls, who think almost
intirely of fun, they do not
all enjoy innocent fun but

draws with me and I find
that a plenty. The way I
came to have so many
friends was that when I
had that trouble I changed
them about every other day.
but now I am all over
it and of course do not need
so many changes. I am very
sorry Mamma that I did not
wear them last summer
I never thought for a
moment but that it was
perfect right I thought that
they were a mere protection
from cold and so I never
felt the cold when I went
without them I decided
it was more comfortable with-
out them so did not wear
them. I agree perfectly with
you, it certainly cannot be
nice to expose those parts.

are not contented until they forget that they are women and indulged in smoking and many other "innocent pleasures" that although I was not very good before I came to school, yet I must confess I have had occasion many times to be shocked at. If you were only a little less what you ought to be you would be able to understand that lots of time is more apt to encourage these things than if one had lots of studying to keep their mind otherwise occupied. I went to Miss Johnson after reading your letter and she said

if I had begun Latin or Algebra in the fall I would have had plenty to do, no doubt she is right but she nor no one else can ever get me to study Latin, at any rate there is no one crying over spilt milk and the thing. I wish you would write Miss Johnson but I know that nothing can be done as to my taking up more studies. We have just commenced the History of Rome why couldnt I come home and study that and two other studies with Miss M^{rs} Williams. I will sent you a schedule of my days work and I will leave it to you to decide whether

something had better be
done or not. My last letter
was very different from this
one then I wanted to stay
now I want to go. You know
how opposed I was to studying up to be a society girl and
with Mrs. M. & Wilburist
well I am still just as
much opposed but I
am thinking what is best
for me. I have talked
with many of the Teachers
about my studies and all
seem very anxious to help
me but you know that
six Teachers for 16 girls does
not leave the Teachers very
much recreation to help
me if they would. I have
heard remarks that have
been said of me that
very much hurt my

feelings, that all seem to
think it is wrong I wish
that I only had one
lesson and they say that
I am going to be trained
to be a society girl and
don't care a bit for study,
of course the girls join them
in making these unjust
remarks and it makes
me feel very badly. I went
home with my friend Miss
Kelly I had a grand
time and came back
yesterday. I received a big
box of "Dollars" from a
founding man I was
introduced to going
down on the train to was
this is the second job
he has sent me, ~~before~~
he also sent me some

superb roses the ⁴Friday
after my return I forgot
to tell you. I think he
must be an idiot &
send so much stuff and
I only met him once &
am going to write Mrs.
Hewitt soon I have
started to write her a
number of times but some-
thing has always inter-
rupted me and so now
finished it. Write soon
Emma and tell me
what you think. Miss
said you ought surely
have heard for the 9th
by this time. Love & all
Covingly Maria

My dear Mama, Your last letter
I received yesterday morning.
I was very glad to hear from
you but I could not tell just
how to take it. I hope you do
not think Mama that it is
my fault that I do not have
more to do. I should be extremely
glad if you should write
Mrs. Johnson about the studies
and find out for you-self
and not depend on me.
I told you just simply the
truth about it and do not
blame you for doubting me.
For as you said it is wrong

not take either. Miss Allen is
the one to write to about the
studies. Miss Johnson does
not have anything to do with
that, it will not be necessary
to write her if you believe me
but I would rather have you
write. Please don't have me
come home now. Mama I
am having a splendid time
all the girls seem bent on
having a good time and
working as little as possible,
next Friday night we are
going to have a show-ride
and that same night late
I am invited to a party
nothing like being a society
girl while in school. My
have had marvellous parties
here I hope you are enjoying
a little better. I suppose the
boys are working hard at study

in Miss Johnson to allow me
to waste my time as I am
most certainly doing now.
Of course it would be all
right if I could do as Papa
said I could but Mama
you were once a girl your-
self and know that it would
be simply an impossibility
for me to take up a study
like Rhetic or Grammar
and do it justice by my self.
Yesterday I went to Miss
Allen to see if there was not
something I could take but
of course (as I know that
there was not) I could tell
what her answer would be.
Physics & Geometry are the only
studies besides the book-keeping
that are taken up now this term
and as I have never taken
Algebra she said I could

and their faces, don't let them
forget to send me a copy of
their first paper if they ever
print it. We had a struggle
the other night from the boys
at "Carlton's school". Give my
love to all and to Grandmother
when you write her. I must
close much love for your-
self I am as ever your
loving

Warrin Edison

[INCOMPLETE]



I just received your letter
I cannot begin to tell you
how happy I am to know
that every thing is satis-
faction and that you go
I did not more than finish
the letter which I enclose
before your last letter came
I think my hair turned
three shades lighter when
you put that long plank
in your letter for I smile

[INCOMPLETE]

your letter seemed to come home. You have been very kind indeed to mention this on also in letting me go. I shall never give you cause to regret letting me go and I shall try and study hard and be good. You can remember this promise Maama and remind me. Let it never break it but I do not think you will have cause for it intend returning it.

I thought the answer would be unfavorable. I do not see how I can come home before Tuesday but I will surely come then. with you. Please have some one meet me on the six o'clock train at Fort Lake. I cannot realize that I have to leave the girls so soon, it certainly seems sad to leave so many dear friends who in all probabilities I shall never see again. I have been married ever since I got

[INCOMPLETE]

One of the girls are going
into Boston with me
so I will have company
most of the way. Give
my love to all and
much love for your self
Harrison

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES

**CORRESPONDENCE BY
MARION EDISON OESER**

1889-1890

Assumed.

30 rue Bonnot

*Paris May 2^d 1889

My dear Mrs Edison -

Your good letter of
April 23rd reached me yesterday.
I had thought either my letter to
you had been lost or your reply
to it, as the mails have served
me that bad twice several
times this past year - However
I had already seen your
sister and daughter through
a few lines so I knew
what your wishes were
with regard to Miss Marion.
They have undoubtedly already
written you that the plan is for
your two younger sisters and
your daughter to travel during
the summer months north and
in Belgium, Holland, Germany
and Switzerland - I thought
at first I could not possibly
do but I had recommended
to them a friend who could
take them and who would do
for them better even in most
respects than I myself could
without giving into particulars.

to bankers to agents, to hotel and
pensioners, every thing of that
sort that is necessary to the
travelling work I consider as
belonging to the others and not
to me. My own private
correspondence of course I
consider my own affair - I
prefer always when we spend
more than two or three days in
a place to go to a pension - it
is less expensive and often
more enjoyable but I do what
the others wish in the matter
or at least what the parents
wish if I am travelling
with young ladies - of
course where we stay is what
hires in a place, we must
go to hotels - I always dissent
travelling with young ladies
especially where the parents are
wealthy and indulgent. They
find themselves usually for
the first time in this world
masters of money, surrounded
by beautiful and tempting
objects which they at once think

absolutely essential to their
happiness. They must buy them
and if the father and mother
have never travelled in Europe
they have no idea of the great
cost of it - A popular idea
exists in America that
every thing is very cheap
here, whereas nothing is
cheaper than at home and
the cost of railway tickets is
well as the cost of living is
even greater than at home.
Railway travelling here in
many instances costs
double and some triple the
cost of one railway ticket.
Then one is disappointed
necessarily, it is that one
is here for, but it runs
away with an immense
amount of money - I have
travell'd with people in Europe
unless they were no longer
young, then I sit that
they could spend and
what they wished to spend
and thus both all the
responsibility of it themselves.

because no matter how hard I try to
keep down expenses they always
mount up to such a figure
that I feel sure they must
thrive & manage fairly -
I could explain it all to you
if I were to see you and I
am very glad you are
coming so that we can
both multiply our very frankly
and fully - I find Miss
Edison a very bright pleasing
girl and I think a not too
strong story in Europe would
be of great benefit to her -
I have had many scholars
who like her, learn much
more from observation than
from books - not all people
are natural students and
it is not always the good
scholars as they are called
who in the end advise at
the greatest knowledge or
are the most successful and
satisfactory men and women -
I shall go to see Miss Miller to-day
for I have not yet been to tell her
that after all I may be able
to make this summer trip with

the three young ladies - The idea then is to settle
your two sisters in a comfortable family or scholarly home
they can go on with their studies and I hope Miss
Edison will be as originally planned - I wish if
you will inform you to make sure I am with you
you think of it if you have to talk with her
make a list of what you wish to ask, and the same
thing you wish to discuss with me -
Miss Rice will be in my neighborhood -
The two Misses then to my home and the girls
that I have placed at my disposal - you will see
that I am for the improvement of the education
and my wife's - I wish to send a letter
and my heart's love I mean to see you in
my family, my father's place in your
very kind letters and to know to see you
here in Cincinnati, & summer home
most sincerely
Miss Alice H. F. Paul

Wednesday Aug 13th 89

My dear Mrs Edison

I had hoped to get to Paris earlier by the last of this month and to see you there but the family & am with them about concluded to go to Italy before going to Paris and that will delay us until October - I fear by that time, you may be gone home and I write this in case of Mrs Hinzpeltmann. Knowing it will pain much you & should have written to your steamer kind & known by which one you were coming - I had a talk with Miss Miller about Parker's Memorial this afternoon and asked her to tell you what I said - I feel much surprised to seem to be having any engagements but the circumstances of the case are such that I shall have to ask you to make some other arrangement for the present for Marion - In the first place I know she would

more be happy & contented with us for next winter we shall have to practice great economy and live very plainly - Then Mrs. Eastbury has to return this autumn to finish her work which was again postponed for several months when it was half ended - She is very anxious to have me go home with her and to wait very much indeed to do so for several seasons - I have been very homesick the past few months and I think if I could go home and see my friends, I would then feel differently and could be quite contented to come back and spend several months or a year - Besides which it would give me a chance to attend to some pressing business matters - I feel certain from what I have seen of Mrs. Eastbury that she would be much happier and all would go better were I to have her alone or if she were alone with the one person who has her in charge - When Mrs.

her wish that I would join them
on July 2nd and go with them
there & married a cable to say
that she was coming - She
reached Paris four days before
& left and although she felt
badly to have me leave and
I equally so to leave her, I
felt I must come the more
that the Brothers had already
waited some days for me
and would have been
immeasurably inconvenienced
by my failure to come at
the last moment - A lady
friend of Mrs. Portland's
happened to be in the same
house with us. She was glad
to join her for a couple of
months and wonderfully
Chapman, who is a friend of
her brother's, promised to take
good care of her & she will
await my return there - This
is a long and I fear not
a very lucid explanation
but I hope you will understand
that I shall as I do because
it seems to me best for all

concerned - It is not at all that I
do not wish to take Maria - I
think her an interesting girl
and feel sure I should enjoy
being with her - I hope it will
come later but I know under
the circumstances she would
not be happy or comfortable
with us and if she were not
happy, we should not be -
If Maria likes Mrs.
Brigham and Mrs. Brigham
would keep her, I think you
could not place her in better
hands - Mrs. Brigham is a
lady, of culture and
refinement, high principles,
gentle, patient, wise, affectionate
and loyal to the end - I think
Mrs. Miller misjudged her
in the matter of the English
trip - Mrs. Brigham said to
Maria from the first. Even
if you know your parents
would be perfectly willing to have
you go, I would never go one
step without their consent in
advance - not to London or
anywhere else - "The has said to

We were highly & otherwise at the - I have been
sitting in your study - but life & have made
myself intelligible - (None) see my line it seems
of the is with you - I hope the will not feel
hardly moved see in the matter - I am
confident I shall meet you here, you
must see the remarkable news I say
arguements - I have learned or rather
lost by my when written that when you it
can be explained and I am sure you it
believe - I must be sorry to see your
affection for & Miss is we were surprised
not to see it - I am sure - I am sure
to have found you not alone to see you if
you are to be in Paris in October, &
you must certainly

A letter must be so we must write to it
before we see - I am sure you will

me often in your presence that
she never need much tell us
your to Maria, that you were
her best friend and that you
must be a woman of superior
judgment - many other much
things - Always her conversation
was in much a vein - It may be
that Maria would not wish to
go with Miss Brigham for
Miss B - is going to spend
the winter in Munich where she
has lovely friends and Maria
has a very strong prejudice
against Germany and does
not wish to learn the language
French - Still I suppose
if you thought best for her
to do so, she might see the
matter in a better light -
I would gladly place my
daughter back to me, in
Miss Brigham's care and
feel that she was one of the
two or three people I had
ever seen of whom I could
afford to - I am a great
deal of her last winter and
Spring - the more I saw her,



My dear Mama,
Affairs are
in a terrible muddle. Mr
refused yesterday to take us
girls travelling this summer.
As things have turned out
as they have I think that
it would be just as well for me
to go to Mrs. Clark in June. Mama
at present wants to come home
but of course she will change.
Mama it does worry me so
for the girls seem so un-
happy and discontented and
I feel that it is all my fault.
If I had never come then
Aunt Jennie probably would



not have come either and then of course nothing would have happened. The next plan is to have the girls come down to our hotel and stay until we start for travelling. I think as far as having the girls it would be very nice but as Aunt Jennie is going to send Mlle. away then she will have to chaperone all three of us. I know enough of such things to know that that plan would never work. The girls have already seen a great deal of Paris and of course they would not care to see everything again, it is hard enough to get Aunt Jennie to go place where she has been before, let alone

having all three go to place they don't care to. We are going to call on Mrs. Earle this morning and see if she can take the girls next summer. I don't very much whether she can take us but I should think that she could take me just as well now with that lady as she can in the fall. Aunt Jennie says that if she cannot get any person who is competent to take us this summer that she will take us herself, this is another of her many ridiculous plans and I for one prefer to leave

some little say about things
myself. This fore has almost
made a relapse in Maria's
sickness, she had hysterics
the other night just because
Mlle. said that she she
had wished that she had
never met any of us and
many other remarks of the
same kind. I have not heard
one word from home yet and
this has been my fourth
letter to you but I am almost
resigned to my fate - ^{supposed to be} ~~supposed to be~~
love my love to dear Papa and
the boy also to little Madeline
every one I know sends love to
her. Write much love for your-
self I am lovingly

Marion

This 9-4-29



GRAND HOTEL BRITANNIA
 -Alma Maison-
Hotel Victoria
 -BOZEN (Tyrol)-
 Venice, le 6 Oct 1889

My dear Thomas
 You will see
 from the heading of my
 letter that we have left
 Bournemouth. I assume you
 left without me only because
 I dislike the city very
 much and do not look
 forward with much pleasure
 to this winter. Mrs.
 Brigham has written this

attractive city and for
my part as long as I
am studying I would
rather be in the country
If Mrs. Carl would hear
of going to Tunchatal I
will write you why I
wish so much to go
there. Miss Brigham
says she knows that
Mrs. Carl would be
willing to go anywhere
with me but of course
Mrs. McLarty is Mrs.
Carl's first consideration
and if Mrs. M^c wishes
to spend the winter in
Hawaii then of course
I shall have to live with
them wherever they are.
He is now in Timmy
Italy and I think it
perfectly lovely. I wish

Carl and told her what
a mistake I have taken
to it I would certainly
write her myself if I
thought it would at all
be the thing. As long as I
promised to take everything
as it was I do not feel
that I could very well
ask Mrs. Carl any favor.
Tunchatal I think I
would prefer to any other
place I know of. I can
not understand the
altaction Miss M^c has
for people. I think people
like the German style as
a rule for the Opera
which is morally very
good but I have heard
that the Opera in M^c
is perfectly miserable.
It is to me a very un-

you and Papa had come here instead of going to glorious old Glenasmole. I am sure you would have taken home with you a brighter impression of Europe. Venice is simply delightful. It seems almost like a dream that I am ~~now~~ really here. We came here on Friday and you can imagine that we have not lost any time. Without exception it is the most interesting city I have seen in Europe. It is such a novel sensation to go through the streets in gondolas. Our room is on the dearest little garden you ever saw.



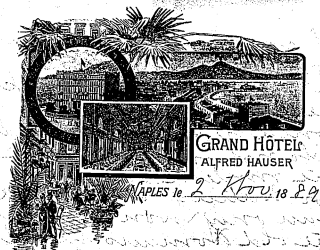
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You can see it from the print at the top of this page only it is very much better. On clear days people take their coffee and cigars out on little tables under the trees. Everything is so novel here. People open houses and so many queer things to see. I like the sound

Tuesday morning we
start for Florence. I
think we will probably
be there for a week or
more as there is a
great deal to be seen.
Florence was the home
of Monna you remember
I am a I must apologise I have Italian
for the miserable letter I wrote French. William
sent you from Munich and English. I shall
you always write such
fine interesting letters
that I am always
ashamed to answer
them. I know though
that you will make
allowance for me. I
never can write a nice
letter but I try and do
the best I can but even
then they fall very much
short of what I should

of Italian very much
and I am anxious to
learn it. I would like
very much to spend
a winter in Italy before
I come home. The time
here this year is excellent
and beside that I could
have French Italian
and English. I shall
feel that as far as the
languages are concern-
ed my education will
be very complete. Miss
Wingham had a letter
sent to Berlin in case
of Papa. Have you seen
it and anything
from it, if so will you
send it to her as soon
as possible as it is some-
thing quite important.

like them to be. Thank
Papa for me for my
Letter of Credit he sent
me also give him my
love and tell him I
think of him very often.
I have paid my bill
but it is taken almost
the sum of my forty
dollars for the day. Now
minds I have the other
forty and after my ma
trunkets are bought I
shall have plenty for
myself as long as all
my clothes for Manila I
have. Give my love to all
Have you sent Edna and
the girls. I bought for
him. I think of you too
often. Mama dear and
wish that I could see you
your sweet letters are more
than appreciated by me. M. E. E.

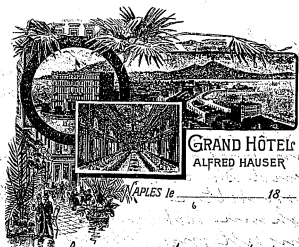


My dear Hannah
 I have waited
 as long time for a letter
 from you until I have
 at last come to the conclusion
 that you have entirely
 forgotten poor me or that
 your letter must have
 been lost. The first I
 flatter myself would be
 impossible. The last high-
 ly improbable. The best in-
 tention is doubtless that

you have been so busy
 ever since your return
 that you have had no
 time for letter writing.
 I have seen you so much
 since my last letter
 from Venice. If I should
 try to tell you my whole
 letter would be but a
 guide book on a very all
 scale so that I must
 content myself with
 telling you that I have
 enjoyed almost minute
 details of my visit to Italy
 as I could before I only wish
 you and Papa could
 have seen it before you
 returned home. The glories
 of France and Germany
 are so very like home
 that you have not had
 a fair chance to judge
 of them. Even Italy

every thing is so different of southern Italy does
from anything I have not agree with me or
ever seen before that in other words it makes
me it is by far the me feel lazy which
most interesting country would never be for study
I have been in the one I do not much blame
now in Naples perhaps the modern Italians
you will be surprised for having to work and
to know that we are already an only wonder where
in far south but we will the old Romans naked
stop again in almost up energy enough to
every place we have been build the throne and of
on our way north I colossal palaces that
think one enjoys a now are in ruins. Some
thing more if they are now sitting before a window
not allow themselves to that over looks the most
become fixed of it. I beautiful view in Naples
have taken a great fancy beautiful indeed it is
to Rome and would beneath the famous Bay
like very much to spend with the reflection of
a winter there before I the sun just setting
return to America but behind Mt. Vesuvius
I find that the southern Pleasure don't hang out

my shon attempt at
 criticism. Mrs. Brigham
 wishes me to ^{ask} if you
 have received her fine
 letter and our accounts.
 I am ^{very} sorry that I have
 to send so soon again for
 a new letter of credit. Mrs.
 Brigham advised me
 to pay all my bills so I
 should that I have taken
 a good part to pay them
 of this letter. Papa has
 travelled in Europe and
 knows from experience how
 very expensive travelling is.
 We have travelled 1st class
 because I needed it 2nd class
 is not good enough for
 Papa's servants. It is not
 good enough for his
 children. This is the
 only incident where we
 could have avoided it.



she could keep track of me I have not done so. Just as I would not have her think me at all anxious to come. I know I shall have a lovely time after Christmas I think. Mrs. Rathenau in Berlin had better settled down in the Pyrmisch and wait for Mrs. Earl. I am certain by my kind of sight-seeing which if you can believe it I look forward with great pleasure to settling once more from I say so that

have not done so. Mrs. Bingham seems very careful and I know time to keep account of every son that is paid out. I know she is afraid you will blame her for the amount of money spent on the same for that if it had not been for my winter outfit bill the money would have lasted much longer. I think I shall spend Christmas with Mrs. Rathenau in Berlin her invitation would not have been more pressing. I spoke of it several times after you left and I look forward with great pleasure to settling once more from I say so that

I am working on a
some tapestry for Xmas.
if I sent it to you by mail
will you have it made up
for me? I think it the
best way, this is the
only thing I shall send
Xmas except you all,
of course I shall send
some little thing to all.
that I care anything for
but I do not think anyone
will expect it. These X
mas wishes to be remembered
she is looking to me. I
have been let and and
she was so good to me.
Tell Papa. I do write to
many body but for but I
love him just the same.
Give my love to all and
write me very soon soon off
The

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Hotel Commodore
New York March 10th 90

My dear Mrs. Edison

I hope you will not
think I flood you with letters - It is
less than a week since I wrote you
last but this is purely a business
letter as we shall soon need more
money and I am running low.
Just it takes a good month to
get our currency, & will surely
run so that we may not find
ourselves out of money - I had my
draw a hundred dollars before
reaching New on my letter but at
present the money is melting so
rapidly that it will soon be gone and
Marion has only a few hundred
dollars left on her letter, should I
presume she will wish to keep
that to pay herself her allowance -
If the Edison would send two or three
hundred dollars, we should not
need to bother them so soon again
for at present our expenses
are fearfully high - For hotel
will take us the cost of having to take
a whole little house just in the night.

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of the season, makes our expenses for these few weeks very heavy - There Maria still has her mumps which is as you know expensive and will need her for at least two weeks to come - There is a giant deal to do for her that only a trained nurse can do, treating her face, then her bathes, her injections right and morning for we are trying to get her cured of her scarlatina (which is dreadful), then her abscesses are barely healed and new ones very get come, but will still gradually heal all these troubles and later on when her face gets better, we live with other people - Every body shuns us - I have a great many friends staying, here and we have come to see me and even the doctor says there is still some danger of catagone - We are very comfortable in our villa and Maria is able to be out of doors hours every day - She gets up about 10 o'clock, about half past eleven she gets down stairs and then she

lets in the garden in the same until lunch - After lunch she drives about three hours - She commenced at first with one hour but has gradually increased it as she is very fond of driving, it is her one great pleasure - She has already commenced studying French with me and writes a lesson every morning in the garden - Then before dinner after she returns from her drive, she reads French aloud with me and has dictation - After dinner she is so tired she goes right to her room to get ready for the night and is in bed before nine o'clock - We think she gains strength every day but she still has much to gain before she is strong or well - It is really terrible to hear her tell of all she suffered in hospital - The abscess on her back threatened permanent injury to the spine and when they cancelled it, they took out two cups of matter, besides

[INCOMPLETE]

which she fled so profusely they
 feared for her life - I like her
 very much indeed - she seems
 to me greatly improved since
 last year and I begin to
 think it was no mistake
 in her case to send her abroad.
 She has learned much in
 many ways, seems to have
 travelled intelligently and
 is now very anxious to learn
 I shall begin with me English
 study as soon as she is
 able to bear it and later
 we shall add another - she
 is as anxious for it as I
 and I expect to find her
 an agreeable pupil to teach.
 It is evident we must stay here
 three months but after April
 the prices become more reasonable
 and I hope her face will be
 such that we can go up the
 villa and live less expensively
 Mrs Brigham will return
 to Munich as soon as Maria
 can spare her nurse and
 will take her back with her

Hotel Cosmopolitain

Montreux April 19th 49

My dear Mrs Edison

J. Thér. Marin

I wrote you a long letter not many
days ago but as I want you to
see Sister in New York or rather
New Jersey where she arrives, I
shall send this off to you with
the hope that it may be in time.
Sister can tell you almost as
fully as much better than I can
write, that I shall not send a
very long or detailed letter this time.
Only I am going to ask you if you
have the time and opportunity to
send us two or three books which
we cannot get here. We Stern's
"School of Languages" in 44th St
(No 27 & Thér.) but it is just out
of Madison are going towards
5th, you can get the french book
they use there. If you have a chance
to send it over to us it will be of
great help to us. If you have not
a good chance, never mind.
Any friend coming could put them
in the post and then mail them to

as on this side - I said that I should
for two or three other books but I will
not do it now - It will be some
time before we need them
and perhaps, I can get them
from England - Maria looks
hard at her studies but she is
so little accustomed to study
and has to spend so much
more time on it than she
would had she early been
trained to proper habits of
study, that I cannot give
her more than two studies at
one time - She seems interested
however, learns her lessons well
and will in time I think,
get her mental powers under
better control - She is very well
now, better than ever in the whole
life before she was - I wish I
could say as much for her
tooths which are still decaying
the face, to be sure, is slowly
losing that happy redness
which made it so beautiful
at first when I saw her - but
it is still fair and the marks
not yet disappearing - Her whole

body is spotted like a leopard only
much more so - The hands and
arms are very fair, the rest
of the body is of course hidden
by her clothes - She still has her
dusky neck and is so sensitive
she will not encounter any
strangers and would be soon
more sensitive about seeing
friends - It is a great
affliction to her but she really
bears it most bravely - To be
left us last Wednesday and
starts for home on week
from to-day - Most of the
winter visitors are leaving
here now and so far
are left in our hotel that
The proprietress has proposed
to us to lease the villa and
create in the hotel but after
deliberation, we have decided
not to do so - Maria would be
so closely housed there - She would
never sit in the grounds where
she would be likely to meet the
people and here we are so
independent in our own little
garden - We hope to stay here
another month - I finally see

that it will be months before
her face will be in condition to
be seen by Miss and she will
be a very fortunate girl if she
recovers her looks at all, even
after months or years have
gone by - we are comfortable
and should be quite happy had
we a little society - as it is
we must live up with from
the world for some time to
come - It would be very
kind to visit upon her
society people if indeed
we could do so - I doubt if
yet any one would dare
associate with her, her
appearance indicates a
very recent illness - He was
very happy to get your kind
sympathetic letter from
Charlottesville and spoke very
affectionately of you and of
the dear little baby - The second
an affectionate girl, showing
love and sympathy and
affectionate of her mother -
Your baby must be so interesting
now, learning to walk, she is surely
a darling - I should love to see

her again - we are looking for
the new letter of credit by to-morrow
month - Sister should arrive in
New York May 4th in the Hamburg
and will go to my mother's house
in Glen Ridge to rest a day or
two before starting for Ohio -
If you drive over there, she
will tell you all about us -
My arms grow steadily
now - I have not lost gotten
the spirits and bandages
off - the doctor is now
running electricity in treating
it - I expect to gain more
rapidly from this on -
We shall stay here, as I have
already said, another month
I hope, but the safest address
is always Duxel, Hays &
Co. - Marvin sends much love
to you all and I am as ever
yours very sincerely
Elizabeth F. East.

Montreal May 6th 1890

My dear Mrs. Edison

I have only time for a short letter to you this morning as I have much to do to prepare for our start to-morrow. We leave Montreal with regret but we are the last guests in the town and so I wanted her to get to New York early in the month so that we might not find the place crowded as it will be a little later - we are both going to take the treatment, the bath, douches &c. and hope to get our systems in first class condition - then I am to have massage treatment and electricity for my arm - I suppose it will be about a month and then I think we shall go to Marshall in Switzerland for the French - I know a very nice family there who have a large country place just out of the town and Maurine could be as retired as she wishes - she is of course, still

my sister's and a face and
will not see any. amper. &
hope however she will get used
to pass a hour hardly and can
enjoy their society if not
that of their friends for
they are charming people.
The only things she has quite
enjoys at present are her
books and drawing - she
brings a great deal for &
have felt sure her father
would wish to give her that
pleasure since it is all
she has. He has driven to
Mill, San Remo, Badolza,
Sospel - a variety of places
all very interesting and
lovely and the excursions
near Aix are said to be
beautiful - those too she can
enjoy - she is making good
progress in her French and
her art and is really a
very satisfactory pupil -
thorough and conscientious
she is learning the French
grammar quite thoroughly
and finds it hardly hard.

from her
English & ^{knowledge of} French
ambition is however, now
well aroused and I think
she will acquire a
fairly good education -
she is singularly bright
and intelligent and really
one of the pleasantest girls to
live with I have ever had
in my charge - we are going
to make a little detour on our way
to Aix and take in Florence for
a few days - we are obliged to
pass through Genoa on our
way and Florence is only six
or eight hours from Genoa -
Marian is very anxious to
see some of the art and
architectural treasures she has
been studying about and also
to get the photographs of them -
As she may not be a long
time he has been to study
upstairs, we think best to go
there for a few days -
I have been to the more interesting
and is the Marquis, having to be so
heavily veiled but she wants to do
it - we are having beautiful

Whether you wish to leave
this quiet place. I have
been so comfortable. I think
Marian will feel her misfortune
more keenly than we get away
from home. I will write you again
from France. Marian is very
diligent about letters. She seems
to have a constitutional aversion
to writing to anyone. I remind
her frequently of her letter duties
but she does not seem to do
much good. I hope you are
all well and the dear little
Maudie quite over the shopping
cough - Marian sends much
love to you all and I remain
as ever yours very sincerely
Elizabeth F. East

I do not know if I have
mentioned the receipt of the
letter of credit for 400 pounds
It came about a fortnight
since -

Columbic Oct 8th

My dear Mrs Edison

[1890]

When I wrote you
last we were expecting to go
to Paris for some time this
before going South but all
that is now changed because
the Dr forbids it for Murray's
face - He says every thing
depends upon her spending
the winter in a warmer
agreeable climate - He gives
her great encouragement to
believe that ⁱⁿ two or three years
hence, if she takes good care
of her face, the marks will
largely disappear, so as that
is now of the first importance
we at once gave up our
Paris plan - The weather is
still warmer and finer here
and we are waiting to see
the winter, the great events
of the year - then we shall
start South and spend the
winter in dear old Florida

where we both feel more at home
than in any other of the
Pirinean resorts - we shall
stop a couple of days in
Geneva, ten days or two weeks
in Italy for some more of
those good waters, then in
Lyons, Avinies, Arles, Avignon
and Marseilles as Marine
has never seen any of these
places and they are all
interesting and on our
direct route - It will seem
strange to be back in
Mentore - we shall try to
find a nice family
to take us in on account
of the French as I do not
want Marine to be arrested
in her progress - we are
both well and shall be sorry
to leave these home comforts
we have had in quiet, restful
pleasant Summer here

and feel much attached to
these kind people - I think
we shall reach Mentore by
the middle of November -
as you can think of us
there in our winter quarters
Marine sends love, she
is busy at her lessons -
I will write you again
before we leave - Hoping
this will find you all
very well, believe me
ever yours most cordially
Elizabeth F. Sull

My dear Mamma
I know that
people who live in
glass houses should
not throw stones so
I will not complain
of your not writing
me since I think
it must be some
four or five weeks
since I have written
to you. Mrs. Earl received
a letter from you
day before yesterday,
which is the next
best thing to getting
one myself, so at

land also who agreed perfectly with the Montrose doctor so there was nothing for us to do but give up Paris and come south. It was a great disappointment to both of us as we had planned to settle on the Latin Quarter and attend the lectures at the college, also I was to take vocal lessons, this last I regretted the most of all as my ambition was thoroughly roused by the praise that has been given in the last year to my voice. However we are

least I have the satisfaction of knowing that you are all well. I wrote to Papa last week, I wish you would please ask him if he has received my letter and tell me when you next write. He are again on the Riviera for the winter. He were also ready to go to Paris when Mrs. Carl remembered that our doctor advised our coming south for the three coldest months of winter until my face gets entirely well, we consulted the doctor in Switzer-

very much comforted
by the lovely weather
we are having, it
is just like summer
here every thing green
and fresh, much
more like June than
November. We are very
nicely settled in the
hotel which served us
our meals last year
when we had the
Villa Fortina. It is
very nice here as yet
as the "Beau Moule"
does not come here
until some months
later. I have a lovely
little room, which
is very homelike and
pretty, it is a corner
room with one window

that overlooks the
sea and the other
has a lovely view of
the old town which
picturesquely perched
on the top of a hill.
I have my coffee of
course in my room
and also dine there
as I find my veil,
which I am forced
to wear, very hot and
uncomfortable, I
stand it for lunch
because I always go
out right afterwards
and also because it is
such a short meal.
I never felt better in
my life, I think it is
hardly owing to the
small port and partly

very glad to hear that they are settled at school and that they are doing so nicely. I expect to find them very much changed when I get home, if you succeed in doing so. I shall congratulate you, as he has always been such a queer little fellow, his blue streaks are, it seems to me, very queer for a child. I think however that you need no commendation good and genuine in sending him away to school, as all that will be taken out of him owing to my new pad for walking, I think that I have walked more in the time that I have been with Mrs. Earl than in all the rest of my life past to gether. Mrs. Earl sends kindest regards to you and Papa, she is as nice as ever and I like her better every day. Every body takes us for one another and I for one take it as a great compliment. Give my love to all at home. I have intended writing to boys for a long but never seemed to get at it. I was

in rubbing against
the world. Good
night Mama, do write
soon and tell me
everything that
happens at home.
With best love to Papa
and the rest of I
remain

Lovingly
Mammon.

Helen Cognopohitain
Mentore
France

11-11-90

My dear Papa
Thankes
for your Christmas
greeting. It made
me very happy to
think that I was
remembered at home
on that day. We had
a very nice Christmas
although a very
quiet one, it seemed
 queer to have summer
weather on Xmas day
and to do your Xmas
shopping in a cotton
dress! I thought of you

you but says that
she has so fully
forgotten all about
it, please do send
them back or give
Anna to write to Mrs. C.
and say that you do
not like to give your
autographs. I do not
mean to dictate what
you or Anna should
do but the world
calls request of love
little things by a
very ugly name. I
continue to like Mrs.
Cuth extremely and
can never feel thankful
enough for having
you across her. Your
admiration of you
knows no bounds, if

at any time, and
longed to be at home
more. I am many
Christmases with you
where I will be able to
join the home circle
again or to visit you
at home. I was excited
by letter. Apprehensive of what
I have just been say-
ing, my face improves
so slowly that I am
personally very much
discouraged about
it and fear I shall
give up the matter.
Mrs. Cuth has asked if
it would be too much
trouble for you to send
her a few of your
autographs, she has
written Anna to ask

you were not clever
Papa you would be
just as foolish, you
have that nameless
something that makes
people like you. Do
please add a line
or two to one of Maud's
letters. I should like
so much to hear
from you. Mrs. Carl
sends her regards
I send very best love
to all at home but
above all to you.

Loveingly
M

28-12-90

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Pain

My dear Mama, I really meant
to write you before but I have
had so much to do and to
see since I came that
it has seemed almost
impossible to get five minute
recreation in which to write.
If you can look back on the
day when you first saw Pain
I know you will forgive me
for not writing before. He had
a delightful voyage for this
time of year and I was
side docked two or three days
which very much surprised
me as I expected to be sick.

from the time we started until we landed. He met a great many nice people on the steamer among them Mme Lame Hadley the great French actress who has been playing in New York this winter, there were not many on board so consequently we received a great deal of attention. I sat two from the captain and Aunt L. next me, the steamer doctor was next to me and we became very good friends before we got to France. He offered to give me lessons in French and when I left he gave me a French book, he gave me all kinds of advice about my



health and altogether seemed to take a great interest in me. I had a very nice incident on the boat, a Mr. Calha who was an owner of vineyards in France paid me very friendly attentions, he was a perfect liar but no amount of "sitting on" seemed to do him any good, at last he became such a bore that some of the gentlemen spoke to him and every one on the boat seemed to take an interest in the affair. I tried to avoid him as much as possible and I positively dreaded

dreaded to come out of my room in the morning and go on deck for I knew he would be there but the last two days he let up after the gentleman had spoken to him but the last day it was terrible he followed us every where we went but, for give the poor fool a great deal for the morning we arrived he gave me the loveliest bunch of flowers composed of roses lilies and daisies they were doubly appreciated because they were some that had belonged to M^{rs} McKim he had gotten them after as they were great friends. I wonder if I will always be brand with these still in my



I do not like the French people at all I think they are very unmodest and very deceitful these are the most striking things that I have seen as yet but I have seen many other faults in them which would keep me from ever liking them as a people. Paris is a city after my own heart the only draw back is the people and as I shall see very little of them I am perfectly delighted. Aunt Jennie and I have gotten along very nicely so far and think we will be

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very happy together. We just
got settled to day for good
we are at "The Broadway"
and like it very much. We
went to "The Continental" when
we first came because
a Mr. & Mrs. Smith who we
liked very much were going
there. The girls are studied
just about as I thought they
would be and I have not
changed my opinion of
Miss Consett. We have seen a
great deal of Paris for the few
days that we have been
here. We have been twice to
the theatre with Mr. & Mrs.
I. but did not enjoy it as much
as I would have done had they
been in English. I find that
my French is rapidly coming



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coming back to me. I hope
you will write me soon
and give me Mr. Kammars
address. Please excuse paper.
I will try and remember
the good advice you gave
me in your steamer
letter it will be very hard
to remain simple, modest
and sweet among such affected
and modest people as the
French are. Give my love to
every one at home and
try and get the boys to write
the first should be very
glad to hear from them

But even so much love
for yourself I remain
Love yours thoroughly
Harbor

Excuse writing but I feel
very tired tonight as we
have been out all day



My dear Norma
This letter this
time will have a some-
what different tone than
my last. I am not happy
with Aunt Lennie but have
said nothing as yet
to her about it but I thought
it would be better to ask
you first whether I had
better make a change
or not. Yesterday all day
she treated me very
unkindly and by evening
I resolved to go with the
girls the next day but I
thought of this twice since

one gave me to always take
two or three hours to think
any thing or action over
and of course when one
is cooled down they can
think better. I have taken
that advice but after that
even I do not think we
could live happily together.
I do not dislike Auntie
Jennie any the more because
she treats me unkindly.
I look her from the bottom
of my heart, one timely
disappointment what
has been given such a
disposition. You knew
more about her than I
did I do not know how
you could have thought



for a moment that we
could have gotten along
happily. It has only been
a continuation of such
incidents as happened
the night before we came
away, do you remember?
It was about that needle
that I borrowed. Yesterday
she positively insulted me
before the girls and Will.
The only thing I think of is
that my going with the
girls will break into their
daily routine besides they do
not seem very anxious to
have me of course they

have not said any thing
but Actions speak louder
than words. I wish Mrs.
Bark could take me
now because I know
shall have the feeling
all summer that they
would rather not have
me with them, of course
this is said in the closest
confidence and I know
I can trust you. Mamma
I am not contented, I would
say happy but I am seldom
that, I feel that I am alone
over here without a friend.
With love

J Harrison



My dear Maude

I have just
a few minutes in which
to tell you that I am
still in the land of the
living. It is Sunday
after-noon and Aunt
Jennie has gone up to the
girls I did not go as I had
so many letters to answer
and Sunday is generally
the only day I have
time for letter writing

had to remain at home
as there was no one else
to take me and nice
young girls here never go
on the streets alone. I
asked her the other day
who she thought you
intended to take me
places her in Paris. I
have had to walk on
the streets alone here
a thing I did not relish
very much and I am
old enough to know that
it is not the thing she
will not go with me
to my death and the
Dr. said that it was
very necessary to walk

Next week Monday the
girls and Aunt Lennie
leave for Spa. It seems
hard to be separated
from the girls or Aunt
Lennie's account as I like
very much to be with
the girls but know one
would blame me
knowing what I have
stood over since I came
to Paris. I owe Aunt L.
for snatching up the first
chance I got to get
away from her. She has
had her way in all things
if ever I wanted to go
a place and she of it
not just sure to thin &

after taking one. If she
thinks she is doing the
right thing by you then
all right I do not think
she is. Thank goodness
all ends next Monday
it was too big mistake
for more than myself
that she ever came
over here. You must not
tell any one that I feel
so about Aunt Jennie I
will never say a word
to any one about her
I will never forget that
she is your sister and
Grandma's daughter.
We went up to the ex-
position Wednesday

it is simply marvelous
we were there the whole
after-noon and I don't
suppose we saw more
than one third of it.
Papua's exhibition makes
quite a show Mr. Hun-
mer was not there that
day but one of the other
gentlemen recognized
me and so we went
in a herd the "Pon"
which was anything but
good I don't think it
could have been a dyno-
mote. Amuseur shows
up as good as any one
and we ought to be
very proud of our country.

waiting there this
year and I am anxious
to see them. A great
many of the Bradford
girls coming over this
summer so I will have
quite a list of friends
before I leave Paris. Excuse
nothing from me but I am
in a great hurry. Give
my love to all and write
soon. Yours loving

Marion

P.S.

I miss you very much
and wish you were here
like you more and
more every day and hope you
like me better

Two days we went to
Fontainebleau. It was
simply superb, every
castle I see I think
that it is a little better
than the last one. We
drove six hours in the
woods, three in the morn-
ing and three in the
after noon. You can
imagine how tired
we were but we were
well repaid for we
all enjoyed it ever so
much. We have been
invited by a young
artist to visit this alone
next Wednesday. There
are some very fine

MS

My dear Maria
I am more
than happy. Yesterday
the girls started for
Ipa and everything
all very pleasant be-
tween Aunt Lizzie
and myself. I think
that she thought that
I was writing unkind
things about her to
you but when I received
your letter the other
day and read it all-

when we are angry and that is just the reason why I am so willing to forgive Aunt Jennie. While did not go to the with them as we expected she would. I think she gets must have shown her that they were not very anxious for her to go so she at the last moment refused to go. Although she has treated Mary so unkindly I think she still thinks a great deal of her when they started she cried as though her heart would break and as is my custom, her feelings changed toward me in a moment when I came to the part where you said you were so glad that Aunt Jennie & I were getting on so nicely and that you hoped I would learn to love her. She has been very nice ever since. I am going to try and forgive her and hope she will forgive me if I have said unkind things at times, we always say things that we do not mean.

break, Mary of course
could not but I think
Mlle felt the worse
she probably repented
at the last moment
having treated Mary
so unkindly. I think
but I was very much
pleased yesterday when
I gave her a token
I wanted to tell her in
some way that I was
willing to forgive and
I thought that a little
gift of some sort
would show her as
much that I was willing
to forget and forgive.
The lady that is to

chaperone me is simply
charming. I do not
know her ~~name~~ for chape-
roning me but just
know her expenses. She is
a very responsible person
and I think will do
every thing she can
for my good. She is
about forty and not at
all good looking, well
informed and knows
just what to see and
when to see it. She is
quite well acquainted
here in Paris and many
of her friends have al-
ready asked to be intro-
duced to me. Last night

young men very gallantly offered to give up his room on hearing of our great dilemma. But of course I would not hear of his doing that, they were on their way to the Continental to call on some friends so we walked over there with them. One young man was a perfect swell and I had the pleasure of walking over from our hotel to the Continental. I need not tell you that we scared every where until ten o'clock

after the girls left we came back to the hotel to find that our room had been taken and the only room that we could have was one on the fifth floor and one on the fourth. I would never admit me being such a coward so we set out for the Continental to see if they could give us two adjoining rooms until Monday just as we go to the door we meet Mrs. Earle with her two cousins. One of the

for rooms without any
success, every bed was
taken not even for a
month so our only
plan was to come back
to the hotel and make
the best of it. I forgot to
tell you that we met
a number of very nice
Americans at the hotel
Continental. I do not
doubt but that Mrs.
Brigham will be the
means of making me
many true friends here
in Paris. I do wish
Mama you would write
me often, just think

I have only heard from
you three ~~times~~ ^{times}
since I left home. I do
write often even if your
letters are short. There
is in Paris and a bond
staying here at the
hotel but they are very
old and ugly. This
morning we went to the
Hotel D'Orme to hear
the music we enjoyed
it very much. I did
wish I knew more
people here in Paris, it
makes me feel that I
must be very unpopu-
lar to have so little attention
shown me. Give my

love to everybody at home
and keep a good deal
for your self as write
me soon

Truly

M. L. L.

ME

My dear Hanna

I suppose
by this time you will
begin to wonder why I
have not written but I
have really been too
busy to write. I often start
to write you in the even-
ing but find myself al-
most too tired to hold a
pen. We have seen about
everything there is to be
seen in the whole of
Paris so now we spend
about all our time at the

with Mr. Hammer this morning and drive with him to-morrow night. He has been more than kind to me and has already been the means of introducing me to many very nice people. This morning we meet the daughter of a nobleman who lavished all kinds of attentions on me. It is certainly nice to live in an age when it is much better to be the daughter of a genius than to be the daughter of a Prince. To-morrow we go with Mrs. Banks to hear Mr. Bernhardt in Lowell.

Ypsosion. If I had time some next fall I would feel myself well repaid for coming over, the Edison part of the Ypsosion certainly does Papa and America honor. It certainly surpasses all my expectations. Mr. Hammer deserves to be congratulated. The criticisms of the papers here are not very complimentary to the American exhibits as a whole. The people seem very enthusiastic over the phonograph, no matter where you go you will always hear the phonograph mentioned by people on every side. We brought

they say Cornell is a very
immodest play but that
makes very little difference
as I do not understand
one word of it. I have
always been very anxious
to hear her as I thought
I would make the most
of my opportunity while
here in Paris and see
every thing and every
body that there is a doubt
of my not being able to
see again. I consider
that few have seen Paris
more thoroughly than I.
Ever since Miss Brigham
has been with me we get
up early in the morning
and do not get home much

before six, you can imagine
how much we can see
going all the time. Now
I tell you very frankly and
truly, you have made no
mistake in sending me
to Europe. I never felt more
like learning than at this
present moment. Every one
over here seems so refined
and cultured, few people
know less than three
languages and every
moment of the day one sees
things that excite their
interest to such an extent
that they will take the
trouble to read up all there
is to be found about it. I do

be educated even here
are some narrow minded
people who say that it is
not improving our home
education by sending
the children to Europe to
be educated. I shall be
a Frenchman before long
if I stay here. I am
really quite proud of my
French, some of my
ancestors must have been
French as French has
almost become a passion.
I suppose that is one
reason why I am learning
so fast because I am so
very anxious to learn it. I
am also taking German
lessons of Mrs. Krieger.

not see how one could
help learn something
here if they even never
opened a book. One learns
new French words every
day in talking to people
who do not understand
one word of English. I am
very much in love with
Europe and if I could have
my own way I would not
leave one inch of ground
introduced. Of course I
do not prefer it to America
it is the land of my
birth and it is perfectly
natural that with all
its faults I should love
America best but none the
less Europe is the place to

in small quantities, she generally gets laughing so of over my told alt. lups at pronunciation that we have to give up our lesson until another day. Miss Brigham paints beautifully and she is going to teach me drawing. I bought a sketch book at the Bon Marche and I am going to commence as soon as I get a pencil. I think next week we will go over to London for a short time. I hate to leave Paris but I am simply crazy to see London. I have a very serious question to ask you, or at least it is

serious to me, if you do not approve of it why then you must not ~~say~~ say that I thought of such a thing as it would not be very pleasant for me if you did. I am very very anxious to see the British Isles so I have been thinking it over and if you are willing I would like to see what I can of them in a month instead of joining the girls up in Belgium. I do not think that the girls will leave via much before the last of June and if we join you in August that only leaves the month of July to travel. I am very

that you will have to answer my opinion to join you in
my letter by cable. Now I must but I cannot say
Mamma if you do not think that I care to travel up
it is best just cable "Th". I in Holland. The girls
know whatever you say will be for my good. My
opinion is that one plan is just as good as the
other but the only difference is that I want to go to Great
Britain and I do not care to go to Holland. I do not
want you to strike for a moment that it is on the
girls account that I do not care to go. We parted the
best of friends and I would consider it a pleasure to
travel with them. You can rely on Thos. Brighams, if
I am afraid

she was not a responsible person she never would have been recommended by Miss Kule as such. You must not fail to cable me your no on the very day you get this as some few preparations will have to be made. I had the pleasure of hearing Papa's voice on the 23rd last evening. It was simply perfect. I wish he would send me a copy. I am very proud of both you and Papa every one who sees you picture likes your face. I have fully decided that I was very lucky to get you for a step mother. Miss B had a step mother and she says they are not all like her. She said you were one who was like her.

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS
TOURS

Regina Williams, Esq.

My dear Mama, I am just
having a splendid time.
We are down here in the
Province of Touraine for a
week or two days. It is one
of the most historical pro-
vinces of France. I do believe
I have seen more since
we left Paris than I had
before all the time just to-
gether that we were in
Paris. We have been to Orleans
where Joan of Arc lived also
to many of the Chateaux
we have still much to
see down here however. To-
day is Sunday and we are

home. The mountains shown
here are simply magnifi-
cent. I have known the
mistakes of them that really
have. I almost told of
the history of France I overthink so because you were
place I have visited I have
bought a little picture of
and I am going to write on
the back all the interesting
points connected with it.
I have found it necessary
in the little travelling that
I have done to do this as
one is so apt to get ever-
thing mixed up. I am
really ashamed of this
writing but I have written
so little since I came that you & girls, it of course was
I have almost forgotten
how to write. I hope you
are all well at home. I wish

taking a rest so I thought
I would write you a short
letter but perhaps you do
not care to hear from me
I have almost come to
answer my letters but I
tried to find a letter from
you awaiting me on my
return to Paris. Wishing
me that you were too busy
to write or some excuse so
that I may know that you
would have written if
you could. Yesterday I re-
turned out to the smallest
little monument it was de-
voted to the education of
a young girl, it of course was
a great novelty to me as
I don't remember ever
seeing a monument even at

you would give me a
commission to buy some
cloths for Madeline, the
girls I have the prettiest
kind of a dress for Marga-
ret and I think Sabot
ought to have one just as
nice I suppose though you
will be here so soon that
you will be able to get every-
thing yourself I do hope you
will come over I know you
will like it here you must
not judge France by Paris
as I am safe in saying that
you will have a good time
Give my love to dear Papa
& all the rest at home write
me soon and tell me
every thing With ever so
much love and a good night
Kiss Love night
Marion



My dear Mama,

Your long looked
for letter arrived at last and
I can assure you that I was
more than glad to hear
from you. You are entirely
forgiven for you - long night
first because you offered about
a good excuse and secondly
because you wrote me such
a nice long letter. Everything
is getting on nicely here for
the present, that is between
Aunt Jennie and my-
self but I don't believe I
can say the same thing.

of the girls. Mlle continues
to disagree with us ever and
I do not believe that either
parties concerned will
regret very much when the
time comes for Mlle. to leave.
I think that if nothing
happens unpleasant before
the girls start, that I will
go with them, I hope that
you will surely come over
in August or before if
possible I think it would be
very pleasant for us to join
you and then we all five
could travel together. I do
not know whether I told
you or not that we called
on Mrs. Eask. Miss Jennie
says she is disappointed



but she likes her well enough
to want her to take the
girls next winter if they
stay. I was very much
pleased with her, she is
a good conversationalist and
all in all very clever. I have
not seen enough of her to
form a better criticism.
She is tall and not at all
good looking not a very
objectional fault however.
I think in my last letter
that I told you all about
our trip to Tours, we had
a delightful time and

I think the trip did no
tosh good. We are now back
in Paris and nicely settled
until we start travelling.
To-night we are to dine
with the girls, we generally
take dinner with them
on Sunday. I am going
to start the dance balls
next week, Aunt Lizzie
took her first Thursday
but I have not been well
this week so I could not
take mine with her but
I will be able to take one
Tuesday or Wednesday.
Aunt Lizzie & Maude say
they do not trust perhaps
they don't but I know I
would be very much scared



You get all undressed and
stand in one corner of the
room and the girls stand
in the other corner on a
platform and give you a
sort of a shower bath only
it is much more severe.
I am going to take them
every day before we start
and by that time I will
be almost a living skeleton.
Can you imagine such a
thing? I have had my
red dress all made over
and it looks very nice.
I hope you are all well.

and happy. How could you
fantasize me by telling
me that I missed Mr.
Kimmer the day I sailed!
Perhaps it was just as
well that I missed him
as far as the candy was
concerned. Mammie brought
me a box and both Hamilton
Hallace and Tom Kick
brought me great big boxes.
They came just as the
steamer was about to start
but they were in time to
throw them at the steward
who caught them fortunately
for me. Give my love to all and
remember me to any of my
friends whom you may chance
to see. With ever so much love
I am yours lovingly Marion.

ME

My dear Emma

I have intended
writing you ever since
your last kind letter
was received. I hope you
do not for a moment
think me neglectful.
The truth is I did not
realize that the time
for your departure was

to go away to England
just for three or four
days and then start
right back again.
I am anxious to know
what you think of the
English home life I have
framed so brightly to
you. To my mind there
is nothing better than
an Englishman's love
for his home, it makes
little difference to him
whether it is a cottage
or a palace his interests
his loves are centred there
and what is that but

is very near until I
found that it was too
late for you to get my
letter before sailing.
I was very much alarm-
ed at reading in the
papers of Papa's illness.
I concluded however
that it was nothing
very serious or you would
have telegraphed me.
I suppose you had a
delightful visit at Sir
John's home. I should
have liked very much
to have gone but I thought
it such a careless thing

home in its highest
meaning. It seems strange
that I of all people
should admire this
trait so much, perhaps
it is because such a love
is so very foreign to me.
that I admire it. How
different I would have
been if I had been
brought up in a home
as you were or I might
^{say} most girls are. Even
now that we have a
home I have never
lived in it long enough

to become attached. The
world unfortunately
judges us ~~MS~~ by what
we are and not by
what we might have
been had circumstances
been different. We are now
in Munich waiting for
money to start to Italy
on. I cannot understand
why Papa has not sent
it we are losing so
much time by waiting.
You spoke to me in
your letter of having
forty dollars a month
instead of eighty, forty

spring to pay them so
by the time they are
paid it will be time to
get my summer clothes.
If it takes more than
until spring then I
will have to do next
summer with the clothes
I have. I hope you
will understand and
this somewhat compli-
cated explanation and
will not hesitate to
say whether you
approve or not. I shall
not be anxious as I feel
confident that whatever

dollars will be a very
generous allowance for
my small needs but it
would be impossible to
dress on that, as I have
all my winter dresses
I can live nicely on
forty but I shall have
to ask you to let me
take the other forty to
pay the bills for my
winter outfit. This B.
will see that I only
have forty a month &
that the other forty goes
only to pay back bills. It
will take almost until

you do is for my good.
Be frank with me
always, never hesitate
because you think I
will be angry with you
if you say what you
feel and think. I know
that your reason for
cutting my allowance in
two was for my good. I
am, I confess it very
careless and extravagant
and of course to limit
my allowance is the
only possible way to
stop it. This Brigham
wishes me to send her

very kindest regards.
I think you are a sort
of a sister. ~~My~~ Mauna.
You succeeded in changing
this B's entire
opinion of you in the
course of an hour.
Give my best love to
Papa also the others of
our little family. Write
me soon so that I
can hear from you
when I get to home.
Address H. Maquay,
Hooker Co Home Hill
love M



My dear Papa

I know it is sick for the first time
bad form, as the English in my life since I came
saw, to commence a letter to Europe. I seem so dread-
fully far away from home
and you Papa dear. I
know I shall more than
appreciate every thing
when I return home for
good after having so long
left you how long I have been an orphan from home
ever since I left home.

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It seems almost too good
to be true that I am to
see you and Mamma so
soon. It seems almost
years since I saw you
last. I have felt home-

3
I cannot begin to tell
you how delighted
I am with all I have
seen so far of Europe.
I know I can never
thank you enough for
permitting me to come
and it will not be my
fault if you ever have
cause to regret that
permission. I am now in
England in consequence
of your cable. I am very
glad to see the British
I also find as every one
says that they ought to be
seen before the Continent

4
I like England very
much better than France
I also like the English
people very much better
than the French. I know
that you did not form
a very complimentary
criticism of the English
when you were here but
I think when you see
more of them you will
like them much better.
The French I simply de-
test I think them im-
modest, indignant, fickle
and insincere I could tire
you with a list of their



in any family. I suppose
you will stay in Paris
a couple of weeks before you
start travelling. Mama
has not written me any
of your plans so I do not
know exactly what I am
to do. We are travelling just
as fast as it is possible
but I am awfully afraid
you will get to Paris be-
fore we do. One cannot
possibly do Scotland in less

than ten days. The only
just arrived in Edinburgh
last evening so you see
we are rather pressed for
time as ten days here will
bring us about to the
middle of August and then
we go to Ireland. I shall
feel very much disappointed
if I cannot be in Paris to
receive you but the wisest
thing to do I suppose
would be to finish out my
trip as in all probability
I shall never see England
again. I know you will
be very much pleased when

you see your department advertise himself and put
in the opposition. The you in the back grounds
Hammer deserves to be as much as possible. I
congratulated as far as do not know how you feel
that is concerned. I about it but I think it
think that it has certain a great imposition. You
be increased your popular must expect Papa to be
it with the French. I am bored to death in Paris
more than bitter with with invitations. You come
Col. Gouraud, he has not know until you go
simply made you and there how really admired
the lithograph edition you are by the French
one in the eyes of the It makes me so proud to
English people. I know think that I am you
that man was a splendid daughter. I only wish that
the first time I saw him I was half worthy of such
he has done everything to a father. ^{With love} M. E. E.



My dear Hanna
I know you
will think me very
neglectful of late in
regard to letter writing
but I know you will
make allowances when
I tell you that I have
been ill and "on the
go" every moment that
I was not covered since

we came to London. You
can look back on the
time when you first
came to London and
remember the things to be
seen there. I do not
feel that even now we
have seen half the
interesting things that
London contains. If I
have time I shall
stop in London on my
way back to the Continent
and if that is possible
I shall then feel that

I have seen it as well
as the average visitor.
I wish for your sakes
but not for mine that
you would travel in
England instead of on
the Continent. I find
it so much more in-
teresting here than what
I saw of France but it
is not always the case
as most people much
prefer the Continent. You
surely will spend some
little time in London
will you not? I cannot

say I am for Thomas
people I know will treat
you almost to death
with their attentions.
I would not prepare
if I were you to stay
long in Paris as that
seems to be the head-
quarters of all who wish
to make your life
miserable. Now I have
not escaped but I enjoyed
it and you would not.
I wish you could speak
French as the French
you know are not kind.

and it will be very stupid
going to sleep at night after
night and ~~not~~ ^{not} sleeping
one month. You must
know if your German
as most of the French
speak a little German
even if they do not speak
English. England is
perfectly charming, my
other letter was all
in praise of London
but now let it be all
of England. The English
too are delightful and
have already tasted of

We have only been out of
London two days but
I consider we have seen
a great deal in so
short a time. We are
now at Leamington
The place itself is not
very interesting but it
is a good head quarter
for all the excursions
in this part of the
country. Southworth and
Warwick are both near
here beside many others
almost as interesting.

Of course you have read

their good cheer and hos-
pitality. They are a good
fine nation and they
deserve the place they
hold in regard to other
nations. I have already
stated my opinions
of the French, they are
immodest, unprincipled,
fickle and indelicate
but the English are just
the opposite and they
deserve a great deal
of credit. The moral part
of England fully comes
up to my expectations.

Unluckily by letter I am
ashamed to say that
I only just read it the
other day but it was no
great loss as I was very
glad to have it fresh
in my mind when
I visited the scenes of
the story. I have not
heard from either Cass
or Thane since Aunt
Jennie left I am afraid
they are angry with me
and to tell the truth I
don't much blame them.
I suppose they will join

you in Paris as as to be
with you ~~MS~~ when you
are invited out. How
for one don't care a snap
about it if it were not
for seeing you and I daresay
I would much prefer to
join you when you leave
Paris. I am tired of such
shame attentions as the
French offer. I would rather
have one honest English
heart than twenty French
ones. You can see that
all but to ask the French
and so I do but you can

and I was not willing
to be impolite especially
when they were so kind
to me. The Aunt wrote me
in Paris and said she
hoped to see me when
I came to London. When
I came to London I sent
her my card and then
called almost the very
next day. Bob the one
I met in America did
not lose a moment in
coming and the very
same afternoon he call-
ed he sent me a note

~~also~~ ~~see~~ ~~that~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~
only. The Visits were more
kind to me while
I was in London. He
spent over Sunday out at
Wootton and enjoyed
it ever so much. I have
not forgotten that you
said you thought it
best that I should not
go to Hay bridge unless
I was well acquainted
with the Aunt. Maria
there was simply no
getting out of it unless
I was down right well.

asking me to go to a
Garden Party that even-
ing, the Opera the next
and a very pressing
invitation to come out
to Worcester as his return
as he was going to Liver-
pool very soon. Of course
I accepted for the Garden
Party and the Opera
and said that I thought
that it would be im-
possible for us to accept
his invitation to Wor-
croft as our time in L.
was very limited but in

the mean time his Aunt
wrote and ~~Mr~~ his sister
and brother coaxed so
hard that we finally
consented to spend our
Sunday at Worcester
on Bob's return from
Liverpool. The two days
that he was gone he
sent around in the
afternoon private carriage
to take us in Hyde Park.
He also sent me a book
when I was ill and has
since taken us to drive
twice and to the Opera.

have since met his brother
who I think I like better
than Bob. I don't know
how long it will last as
you know I am very
fickle and may turn
around and like Bob
better. I have met ever
so many people I know
since I came to London
wested at a hotel much
frequented by Americans
and I suppose that is
the reason. He had three
invitations for the same
night to go to the theatre

twice. I know you blame
me for accepting all
his attentions but I
really could not get out
of it. Besides it is not
only he it is the whole
family. He had a grand
time the night before I left
and had better times
but it soon blew over as
I received a very humble
letter from him last
before yesterday. I am not
going to make up or exalt
out like him just the
same but I am doubtful
about his knowing it. I

How is that for being ^{your} formal?
I am afraid that I will be so conceited when I come home that there will be no living with me but you need not worry I am old enough to know that if I were Sarah Jones I would not receive this attention and that bitter knowledge will always be my safe guard against conceit. I am almost afraid you will think that I have not been

telling you the truth about the ~~MS~~ attention I have received but I give you full permission to inquire into the truth of my statements. I do not much blame you for doubting as it does seem queer that people are so kind to me. I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I feel to you Emma dear for remembering my mother's grave. It was sweet beyond any thing I ever heard

and I shall never never
forget it. I only hope that
some day I may be
half as good and noble
as you are. The few years
that you have been with
us may have been one
long ^{struggle} ~~struggle~~ but you have
conquered and have
made me do what I was
set on not doing. you
have made me love you
It is often harder to conquer
hearts than ^{imprison} ~~imprison~~.

With love

M. L. L.

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES

**CORRESPONDENCE BY
MARION EDISON OESER**

1891-1893

I am wild to
see what you
have to good
as to send me
it is sure to
please me I
know. M.

31-7-'91

My dear Mamma

Your last good
letter really made me
feel very happy. You
cannot begin to know
how much I appreciate
such kind assurances as
you sent me making
me feel that I was very
much mistaken in feel-
ing that we had drifted
so far apart that the future
gave little promise

book, Major Eaton had of our ever being drawn
also been thoughtful toward each other again
enough to send a set Believe me it is not the
but the book was wholly fear that I should not
new to me. I reproach ~~my~~ be happy at home
self awfully for treating which keeps me away,
the boys so atrociously, no, I assume you it is
really one would think not as I feel sure that
me utterly heartless but we could be much
it is not in reality so, happier together than
much that as it is ~~hell~~ we were before I came
ness as I perfectly hated to Europe as years cannot
to write letters & will not help but change us. I
force myself to do what was delighted with the
not agreeable to me. I will miss of Papa's success in
try however to turn over the lamp suit, truly a
a new leaf as I think splendid triumph. Many
it is high time. Give thanks for the clippings

both the boys are very
best love & don't let them
feel that I am forgetting
that I have two brothers!
We are still at Harbours
and find that the baths
are doing us as much
good as can be expected.
One more has joined
our party a Spaniard a
friend of Mr. Devision so
we are I now four, just a
jolly number. I envy you
going to Long Beach, it
is a most lovely place
if I remember rightly.
Give my best love to all
at home & write very soon
to your old
brother William

death no one has been
so dear to me as Papa.

Naturally I should not
have asked toward him
as I have if I had not
felt this keenly. In this
you will learn, from Mrs.

Clark's letter, of my en-
gagement to Mr. Devision.
I have only promised
to marry him on the
condition that Papa is
perfectly willing that
I should do so. I have
struggled a long time
against what has
happened, fully realiz-
ing that Papa would be
much better pleased if
I were to marry any
American instead of
an Englishman but
what has happened was

Madrid

My dear Hanna

Your very welcome
letter of the 23rd came
this morning after
taking over four weeks
in coming from America
here. I was very much
touched by what you
say of Papa's feelings
toward me as ever since
we were in Paris together
I could not help but feel
that he was very much
changed toward me. You
can imagine how very
much appreciated this made me
as ever since my mother's

inevitable as I have grown
fonder and fonder of
Mr. Devson ever since
I first knew him. I will
leave out all particulars
in regard to him as they
would only be a repetition
of Mrs. Galt's letter to you.
Mr. Devson has already
told a few of his most
intimate friends of our
conditional engagement
and already we have had
an invitation to spend
our honeymoon at the
Madrid home of the
Marquis of Villapueja.
Thus Carlos builds his
air castles of what we are
to do when we are married
which strikes me with
horror. I feel sure that I
can never bring myself

to be fond of society and
this found the one source
where in a future of wisdom
he rose. I shiver at the
very thought of being pre-
sented at court and yet
I must bring myself
to do this if I marry
Mr. Devson for he is noth-
ing if not conventional &
the fact that my face
is marked will never be
sufficient excuse for my
giving up society or not
doing the things that
the ladies in this sphere
do. This is the one thing
which makes me doubt
for my happiness in
marrying him but when
I compare it with the
other advantages and the
fact that I love him it

on the milk of next month is like one drop of water
Please dear Makua do not give anything in the
shape of parties in honor of my home coming as I
~~have~~ no longer go to any-
thing of the kind. I must
close as it is time to dress.
Mrs. Carl sends kindest
regards to which I join
my love. This both the
dear babies for me.

Affectionately
Mammi.

9-2-92

when compared to the
Ocean. The sail for America
is about two weeks so I
will leave this subject
until we meet. I infer
from your letter that Miss
Gumie is to be married,
is nothing definite
arranged as to the wedd-
ing? I think she is wise
to marry as I highly
disapprove of old maids,
and she of all people ought
to marry as she manages
a house so cleverly. Dear
Mr. Mammi surely he
deserves, through 15 years
of constancy, to gain the
long sought prize. I am
afraid we shall not get
home in time for Mlle.
C's wedding if it takes place

W.C.B.

Dear Anna

I received your
letter containing the
check on Thursday
but did not have
time to acknowledge
it's receipt before
leaving Mark for
home. I am very

that I have been very sorry if Father felt
very deeply when grieved at my
he treats me as leaving before he
we did while we was up. I left a
note above together long message with
this summer. Please Maria for him give
give him my best love and tell him
how sorry I was for leaving so early
not to see him and thought he
I came over to the world understand
laboratory on Friday I am sorry to have
that that I had done anything to
anything special give Father for
to say to him but assume you Maria

I wanted to bid
them "good bye" be-
fore coming away.
Frik love to all the
family
Yours sincerely
Maurice

Litchfield

Sept. 10th 93

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[INCOMPLETE]

My dear Mama
I hope you do
not think me neglect-
ful for not having
written before but under
the circumstances I
know you will be
indulgent and over-
look it. I do not feel
very much like

[INCOMPLETE]

all the others but writing now but I
to gether since I have feel that I must
been on my sick- write if it is only
ness. Feeling and a short note so
looking as I am I as to let you know
could not be situated that I have not
more comfortably. The forgotten you. I am
have a lousy little now on the Rivera
Villa and our meals and at last with Mrs.
served from a hotel. Carl. I have only been
Mrs. Carl is a dear, here a week but I
good woman I feel that I have
I feel that I will gained more in
grow very fond of in that week than

[INCOMPLETE]

her. I have already
begun French with
her and she makes
study very interesting.
Miss Brigham is
still with us but
will probably start
for the north next
week. She is not very
strong and I would
like very much to
invite her to stay un-
til the north gets
warmer but I think
it would be easier for

Mrs. Carl if she did
not stay as Mrs.
Carl cannot help but
feel that I look to
Miss Brigham be-
fore her. Mrs. Carl is
almost helpless with
her broken arm so
her sister has come
with her. I did not
receive the pink
nightgown you sent me
until the other day
it was very kind of you

[INCOMPLETE]

of the hospital and to send it. The letter
you can imagine I appreciated still
my mortification. more I only wish
I do not blame you that thing had come
so much but Papa to me while I was in
is my own father & the hospital. You
I never thought surely do not blame
that he would treat me for feeling hurt
me with anything to think that I only
but kindness. I know heard from home
that he did not twice during those
mean to add a long dreary weeks
hang to my sufferings spent in the hospital
but it was out a time It was quite the talk

[INCOMPLETE]

when I needed every
proof of affection and
two short letters in
seven weeks did not
prove ^{disturbance} much. I wonder
if I had died if you
or Papa would ever
have regretted ^{not} send-
ing a few words of
sympathy for those
awful hours. I did
not mean to speak of
this at all when I
began to write. it is
all over now but I can

My dear Mamma
So forgive
me for writing you in
pencil but it is Sunday
and every pen is engaged.
I received your most
welcome letter last
night so you must give
me credit for answering
it so promptly. This is
a day fit for the gods.
I never saw a more
perfect one. The sky and
sea are like turquoise, if
one were to see it in a
painting they would
think it exaggerated, it

looked at the Prince. He has aged very much since I saw him in Paris and I fear from what I hear that he will not live long. I don't mean to be heartless but I hope he will live to ascend the throne of England for I fear the standard of morals would drop considerably in consequence. He had a private car and was attended by a number of noblemen one of them Lord Salisbury. Stanley is on his way to Brussels where I suppose he will be homaged to death. He has a splendid head and a very interesting face

is so warm that I am wearing white. Mrs. Earl has just come home from the Ballis and we are all sitting out under the orange trees, the blossoms are just coming and the air is filled with their odor. We all went down to Cannes yesterday and we were all delighted with it. More English people go to Cannes than to any other place on the Riviera. I am more English swells yesterday than I am in all the time I was in England last summer. We saw the Prince of Wales & Stanley. I never had such a good

not at all handsome
but very dignified washed
looking. The crowd
cheered them with a
great deal of enthusiasm.
I heard the Prince tell
a gentleman that he had
just seen him. He ought
to feel very proud of such
a man. Mrs. Carl was very
much excited last night
when I told her that you
said baby had the
whooping cough and
measles. These two
are very dangerous
but I was relieved when
I found that I had read
it wrong. I do be careful
that she doesn't get
the measles it does not
matter so much if she

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gets it after she is over
the whooping cough but
now it would fare very
hard with her. If she
has never been vaccinated
do not put it off any
longer. I don't think I
want to bore you but I
know more about the
small pox than you
do and baby Edison
must be vaccinated, it
need not be done on
her arm so that you
need not worry about
the scar and anyway
it would be better for her
whole body to be scarred
than to run any risk of her
ever getting the small
pox. I saw the most awful
accident the other day

a ghastly sight he was when they at last they succeeded in getting him up. He died the next poor fellow it is better that he did as his back was probably broken. Mrs. Brigham and my nurse have returned to Geneva. I received a letter from her last night and in it she says she has received a letter from you. I was so sorry to have my nurse go she was so quiet and took to me, if I had not been so sick in the hospital I should have enjoyed myself immensely there. I never knew such good

that I ever saw in my life. Two well young Frenchmen were riding on their bicycles from Monte Carlo to Mentone, I was also driving home but they were in advance of us, there is a steep hill that goes down into a ravine about sixty feet from the bottom. There is a little bridge running at right-angles with this steep hill, one of the young men lost control of his wheel hit a guard like bridge with terrific force and was thrown sixty feet down on the rocks below. You can imagine what

kind woman in my life
as the nurses were. I
felt like a queen and
I certainly was monarch
of all I surveyed. Every
thing I said and
every thing I did was
talked about from one
end of the Hospital
to the other. After I was
all over it so that the
nurses could safely
come in. I held pre-
ceptions would treat
with beer, pretzels and
other equally popular
German dishes. You can
imagine I did not
partake heartily of the
refreshments. Dr. Fiedler
was simply loopy to me
and my other little Dr.

who attended ⁹ me night
and day I cannot say
enough about it him. He
spoke only a little French
beside German and with
my knowledge of French
& German which is not
very extensive we spoke
quite a pattern. He show-
ed a great many sides
of life to me that I never
known anything about
before. It seems to me
that I never knew any
young girl who had
so many experiences
in their life as I have
had. Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Carl's
sister starts for America
very soon. we shall
miss her very much as
she is so kind & loopy

taken up - French & Art.
Mrs. Earl is a very in-
teresting teacher. I like
her very much, she seems
to take so much pains with
me. I'm so glad now but
I want to cheer you for
the last yesterday a
young Englishman
lost your brother James
at Monte Carlo and
last night shot him-
self. He was only
twenty-five and of a
good family. He goes
to Monte Carlo often to
see them gamble &
hear the music. Write
soon. Give my best love
to Papa and tell him
I mean to write him
very soon. Give my love

she is going to take
Edith to graduate at
present for me. Beside
the present I have bought
her the loveliest little
hat also a silk shawl
and some gloves. Edith
has been loving to me
during my illness she
has written me con-
stantly and I shall
never forget it. How I
wish I could see her
graduate. She tells me
that her mother has
been to see her at
Orange. How did you
like her? I do not know
her well but she strikes
me as a wreck of a
charming woman. I
am getting on nicely
with my studies. I have

also to boys. Baby. The
Opera glasses I fear are
lost. I thank you first
the same. I have done
everything to trace them
but in vain. It would
be cruel to have me come
home now and I thank
you both for your thought
of me. I look ahead fully
my hair has been cut
off short, I will come home
willoughly when I look
better. With love
Marion

[illegible]

[illegible][illegible]

[illegible]

hole - but sadly
marked. Her path
will help her off -
course. But the
greatest kindness
you can show your
child - is - to let her
remains in her
infection. As
long as possible
the heart is kept
broken. She has
borne her sufferings
very patiently and
bravely. It has a
great grief to her -
to suppress & deny
me - that you have
not killed - I - her
during this. They must
an act that - that
could have come
into her life. They
has borne in - that
well. I am very well.
self for her for long -
off these. But the
bearing for - but
these people are
not so charitable.

It was very kind -
a loving letter from
her Father. I would
have been comfort
unspeakable. I am
proud of my child.
You must
excuse me for
speaking of it. but
I felt very sorry
for Marion.

I received a
letter from Mrs
Edmond J. Palmer
which I will answer
soon.

My address is
Bayrische Vereinsbank
Munich
Hofmayerstrasse 10
Munich 1. I will be
in Munich for a
few days.

I am
Very truly yours
J. W. Beigman
I have
sent bills in another
envelope.

My dear Hanna.
Your welcome
letter was received
yesterday and I
thought I would reply
immediately so as to
deserve just such an-
other soon again. I
was delighted to know
that you met Mrs Beck
as I was anxious to have
you know her as I think
her a most lovely old
lady. We are now nicely
settled in Dix and I
think we will enjoy our

me to take them on account of my body looking as it does but I was very glad when I got here to find that they offered none. It is still very no objection whatever weak and terribly I study from eight o'clock until twelve then we have our breakfast & walk until four, don't you think that that is a great advancement for one who has never studied or walked before in their life. We hear most beautiful concerts every afternoon out for and also on in the evening. The animal ourselves being would not allow

month here very much. We are both taking the sulphur treatment. I hope to have it work wonders for Mrs. Gault's deformity but the Doctors say that if anything in the world can help it these springs will. I get up every morning at six o'clock and go to the bath for my stomach, if Mary likes to come so much in Paris I don't know what she would think of these here the were very much afraid that

often by watching
the gambles in
the Casinos, they
play with chips so as
to evade the law
prohibiting gambling
with money but it
is six of one and a
half dozen of the
other and the chips
are bought first & then
played with. My little
one is singing so loud
by that I can hardly
hear myself think so
I will have to ask you
not to be critical of this
letter. I asked you in
my last letter whether
Mrs. Bingham had
mentioned in her
letter to Papa the sum

that would cover the
loss of her clothes. I
thought that she
had probably not
done so and as she
was in need of money
at the time I received
your letter I took
the responsibility of
sending her \$20.00 less
than I told as much
as you sent on both
Mrs. Carl's myself.
I thought that sum
sufficient, if Mrs. B.
stated the sum in
her letter to you then
of course I will forward
her the rest of the
money. Do not forget to
tell me in your next
letter what you think

a Paradise Give my
best love to Papa also
to the boys. I know Miss
McWilliams does not
care for me any more
but give her my love
too if she has it for gotten
my existence. With
love from Mrs. Carl &
from my self

Mama

Chalel Crochet
Aix-les-Bains
I love

and do not mention
it if you ever write
again to Miss. B.
You must let me
know when you ex-
pect the little ones
arrival I hope it will
be a boy Mamma be-
cause I know it would
please Papa so much.
You are a lucky
woman Mamma and
you ought to be very
pampered, you have
one of the loveliest of men
for a husband, a sweet
little baby who will grow
up to do you credit, money
beauty a mother for my
part I don't know what
else you want in this
world to make it

Biaritz

My dear Mamma,
I was perfectly
astounded this morning
to find that it is at least
three weeks since my
last letter was sent off to
you but I shall not try to
excuse myself as you
must be very tired by this
time of having almost
every letter I send you
filled with apologies for
my not having written
sooner. As you will see
from the heading of this
letter we have left Spain.
I fear for many a day and
this thought makes me
any thing but happy. I

going home to be perfectly
true, it is not only my
duty but better for my
future happiness however
not until my face becomes
much better would I
consider my going home
for a moment. Many of
the articles that have been
going the rounds of the
Spanish papers ^{and} are
translated and published
in America you must not
believe their absurd hack
of lies for that is exactly of
what the articles consist.
You must remember that
these men see me with
my veil on or they could
never stretch their consciences
to say what they do. I put
this all in so that you
may know that I do not
consent to come home because
I do not wish to leave Europe.

I can truly say that I have
never had such a delight-
ful time in my life as
this naturally makes
Spain and the Spaniards
dear to me as it is a very
long time since I have
known what it was to be
even contented. We are
now on our way to Paris
where I shall immediately
begin work again.
You said in your letter
that you thought it very
queer that Mrs. Earl did
not write you of her inten-
tion to come home this
summer, she had only
the slightest idea of
coming home next summer
and as there was so little
probability of her coming
she did not think it
worth mentioning. I feel
what you say about my

It is solely because it
would pain me to see
people who had known
me otherwise. I hope you
are all over La grippe
and that there are no
new victims. I hope the
Gabus Hinats were not
felt delicate as is often
the case. He both said
how to all. Tell Papa that
Mrs. Earl had a man al-
most bow down to the ground
before her because she
told him that he looked
like Edison. Good night
and good bye Marion.

My dear Mama

Now that we are settled once more I shall try and keep my promise and write to you every week, it is simply impossible to write as often when one is travelling, as you know how much time sight-seeing takes. Thanks so much for all your letters, it was really very good of you to write me so often when I seemed so neglected. You cannot imagine how much I hated to leave home and above all to quit it for Paris which is, to me, the same unsympathetic place it always was. Of all the cities of Europe that I have visited I dislike Paris the most, this is inaccountable as it has every thing to make a city attractive. We leave here tomorrow to settle in a family across the river in the Latin quarter near the college of France where we intend to go for the lectures which are the finest in the world. I shall feel almost as though we had left Paris, the other side being almost like another city. We have been in Paris almost two weeks doing nothing.

next winter in Spain if the doctors say that
I must go to a warm climate for my skin,
do you think it would be advisable or not?
after spending two winters on the Riviera I got
very tired of it. Of course this would only be in
case the doctors advise a warm climate as if
they do not we shall probably stay in Paris
for my singing. If you want me to get you
anything here in Paris do not hesitate to ask
me I should be glad, if I can, to do any thing
of the kind for you. I threw away only just
the other day the pink dressing-gown
which you sent me just after my sickness
I had worn it so much that it was literally in
threads so you can see that it was just what
I most needed. We are taking elocution lessons
from Madame Samary, the actress, I like
them very much as does also Mrs. Earl. Mrs.
Earl is going to Scotland in July to attend
the wedding of a friend. I shall not go as
I shall be in good hands and as it is only
for three or four days. Mrs. Earl sends her
kindest regards to you all and will write you
soon. Give my best love to Papa and also to
all at home. Write soon as I am always
anxious to hear from you. Give Madeline a
big kiss for writing me such a dear little
letter. Lovingly Marion.

but packing trunks and getting ourselves
some clothes the latter of which we were badly
in need. The dresses this year are simply
too ugly, every thing is long basques and
trains and most glaring colors, a really
pretty dress is a rare sight in Paris this season.
I have braved Mrs. Emmett's displeasure and
have had all my dresses made with short
basques and in color very sombre, however
I have been weak as to the long skirt as they
are certainly most graceful and becoming
especially with a short basque. Mrs. Earl has
many friends in Paris and we are invited a
great deal but of course I only accept the
invitations where it would not seem any-
thing but natural to wear my veil. It is an
ill world that shows nobody good as if my face
was not marked I should accept all invitations
and then good bye to all serious study. I have
begun my singing lessons at last with Madame
Marchesi, as yet have only had one which
was not so dreadful as I had feared. I
particularly dreaded to have my voice tried
as I was so afraid that she would say that
my voice was not worth cultivation, her con-
sulting to take me put my mind at ease on
that point. I am waiting Mrs. Earl to spend

After her sickness
in early 1890

My dear Papa

It is really appalling how quickly time flies. I did not mean to allow so long a time to elapse before answering your more than welcome letter received almost two months ago. However I shall try and make up for lost time and write you a long letter. We had a perfectly splendid time in Spain as Maria has probably told you and regretted awfully having to leave it but both Mrs. Earl and I thought that three months vacation was quite enough especially for one who is trying to repair a sadly neglected

she said? I have also commenced education. We came right up
my English lessons again but to Paris from Spain hoping
find it very hard to settle down to find Madame Marchesi.
to service work again after still in the city so that I might
so long a vacation. We are very commence at once my vocal
much settled in a French lessons. We were in luck as
family in the Latin quarter, she does not leave Paris before
it is almost like another August so I commenced my
city, it is so very quiet & still. lessons with her immediately
We really had no choice in by so as to profit by every
the matter as it is very diffi- minute of June & July. She
cult to find a family where I said that I have a very fine
there is not already some voice and that it is well
English or Americans, we worth cultivation. That so
always avoid them of course encouraged me was that she
as we do not want to speak refused absolutely to take me
anything but French. Mrs. but on Mrs. Carl's asking her
Carl is as nice as ever, always to simply see if my voice
good and kind and makes was worth cultivation so as
me very happy. I hope even to seek another teacher she
after I stop studying you will said that emphatically it
let her stay with me as I was; and that she would
do not know of any one who give me lessons in ^{my} time
could take her place. I felt for recreation. Wasn't that
very much encouraged at showing that she meant what

what you said in your letter about a disowning for taking away scars, on thinking it over however I feel certain that it would never be done successfully in the case of freckle marks as they are not at all like ordinary scars. While I was in Spain the young lady who was doing sports and Mamma's portraits finished them & I found them here on my return, I intended paying for them myself but find myself completely crunched for money after paying for my summer clothes, would you mind paying for them and consider them as a birthday present? For two years I have had no birthday present and as one of these birthdays was my 18th where most girls get a very handsome

present, I am sure you won't mind my asking you to do this for me. Will you let me take the hundred dollars to pay for them out of the Letter of Credit? They are very much admired by every one who sees them and they always say that I look like both of you. Mamma was copied after a photograph taken by Falk about five years ago. Every one says you don't look more than twenty-five in the portrait. Mamma's was copied after a miniature which I brought from America, all artists who have seen it rave over her beauty. In all the Spanish paper they give supposed interviews with me in which I tell the most atrocious kinds of lies about you. If it is translated and copied into the America

papers please do not believe
a word of it and above all
do not believe what they say
of me, the Thannards & your
knave are very gallant and
love to flatter Mrs. Earl sends
her kindest regards to you.
We see from the papers that
you are in Paris!! Give my
love to all at home and
believe that I remain as ever
with love

Yours affectionately
Marrion

3 Rue Lammuraid

My dear Maria
This must only be
a very short note as I must
be ready to go out in a half
hour with Mr. Carl. not an
easy thing for at least for
one who is such a "principler" as
I am. Your letter with the note
from Mrs. Michael received
yesterday, both spiritless were
most welcome. I am delight-
ed to hear that Ed. is with
you, give the dear fellow
my best love and tell him
that I wrote him last week
and am impatient for an

see me again but as he
saw the same thing in
Madrid just as solemnly
because he thought that I
was flirting with a married
man which was not so at
all and yet did not keep it
I do not worry except that
I hate to have any mis-
understanding with me. Here I rattle on as
if I had the whole day be-
fore me and not the minute
in which to dress. Mrs. Cail
sends love as I do too.

Very truly
Miss

answer. He are back again
in Paris much to my sorrow
and for all I can see are
determined to stay here at least
until Christmas or even later.
Mr. Larson left us yesterday
for his home in Spain. He
hiss him dreadfully as he
he quite seems one of our-
selves. He went away feeling
unkindly toward me because
I would not promise to go to
Bilbao, his home in Spain.
He thought that it was because
I did not want to go when it
was in reality that I did not
want to give malicious people
a chance to say that I was
running after him. In his
Spanish way he has taken
an oath that he will never

My dear Hanna
Time goes
so quickly here at
Aix that I cannot
make myself believe
that such a long
time has elapsed
since I last wrote
you. However Mr.
Carl has written you
so that you know
your case is not entirely
forgotten. Before I forget
it I want to ask you
in whose name the
law-suit between
Papa & Mrs. Wilhelm

she had heard from
two different men
that the engagement
has been announced
between Mary and
Mr. Hammar. Is
there any ground
for such a piece of
news? It made me
rather angry as
Mary expected her
father of Mr. H.
was home very strong-
ly in my living
Kuba's complimentary
manner. I see Mrs.
St. Colgate's husband
always being down
the Casino Lane
always runs that
highway from friends
from Doughty. She

was decided? you
having spoken of him
in your last letter
reminded me again
to ask you. My nurse
from Dresden writes
me that Papa sent
200 marks to Dr. Feidler.
I think that most
likely via Papa but did
he know that I had
sent him a silver
service? It makes me
sick when I think
of the money that
uncle's got Papa
and it could all have
been saved by a little
trouble. When was
in the hospital and
later with me from
Berlin and said that

is very pretty and I
often see her play
at the gaming
tables. We find a great
deal of amusement
for the people of Ang.
There is everything
from fear acts to the
top of swells of
the English and
France thirty. It is
an interesting sight to
see a professional
gambler, an actor and
a French countess sit
side by side at a
gaming table. Mrs.
Frank sends love. She
is shortly and goes by the
name of Madame. She
sends love and love to
all at home and give the
little one a good welcome for me.

sure that I remember myself how to open it but if these directions fail then of course you can get Mrs. Brownell to open it for you. First turn the numbers three times to the right, then to the left stopping at 65 which must be under the notch, then turn it to the left until 56 is under the notch, then on turning it to the left it ought to open. You will probably not be able to make head or tail out of these directions but there is no harm to try. Will you please turn in the safe for a package of letters and send them to me. Don't leave them around where any one might get hold of them as Hebeard only knows

My dear Mama

Your best of letters dated October 4th was received yesterday morning. I wanted to answer it once but I was ill in bed all day yesterday so could not do so. I think your plan of arranging the medals in the way you suggest, a very good one. I will not try and explain how you will be able to open your safe so as to get those that are there. The number or rather the combination is 65 or 56. I am not

what nonsense I might have written on the outside. I used a very unfortunate expression in my last long letter to you about not tied up with the letters and wanting to make my locked up in a safe as though affairs public property. it were the most precious thing on earth to me. Never a remark would wound mind worth only comes once and I trust you will believe so one must forgive its follies. that I did not mean it. You must not feel hurt. Monica in the way, one would where I say that it is my naturally take it. Please family and my intimate give my compliments to friends whom I should Mr. H. Bonetans and con- must dread to have see me gratefully her fiancee for me so changed. You must not Marchesi has given me let any one persuade you my first song and give that it is only love for ~~the~~ of course delighted. Thank Europe or my dread of being dear little Maddalene for unhappy with you that her letter and give her my makes me not want to come very best love. I must have home. If my own dear Mother gives you a very wrong were living I should be impression about balls etc.

more than I might have
married had I not been
marked. I shall be very
much obliged if you will
look over my things in the
cider chest up stairs, will
you please have all pre-
caution taken to ensure
their safety from moths.
The weather is still warm
but a cold winter is pre-
dicted. I am so glad to
hear that Will is improving
after himself he always
seems to me to be the blackest
sheep of the family. Give
the boys my love when you
next write them. Who
love to all at home I remain
as always

Affectionately
Marion

It must be that I jumble up
things horribly in my
letters to you as for example
the only time I ever remem-
ber having mentioned balls,
and parties etc. was to tell
you that we never went
to them and a few weeks
after you ask what I mean
by speaking of going to balls
parties etc!!! I suppose of Mrs.
Carl's letters. If you will
reread the letter in which
I mention marriage or
rather the offer of marriage
which I have had, you will
see that I only brought up
the subject in connection
with the smallpox saying
that those men who have
asked me to marry them
since I have been marked
were much more serious

sailors that we expect to have to go to bed at Valencia (the city we sail from) and not get up until we get to the Canaries. We will probably however break the journey by stopping off at Tangier so that the last will make the trip less disagreeable. I am glad that you had no trouble in opening the safe. You must not forget Hanna that the little portrait of Papa when a boy is mine. It is most likely that you do not know this and I think it Papa's it belonged to my mother and was very much valued by her. I do not mind at all your keeping it until I am older but I

Barranca

My dear Hanna
Your good letter of the 19th was received before we left Paris. We have had a most lovely time in the Pyrenees except we found the weather much colder than we had expected even as far north as this it is very cold and our affair we will have to go to Barcelona before it strikes warm weather. I dread the thought of going there as we will be three or four days on the sea, we are both such fun

I thought I would mention people, another reason
* it's being mine in case why I like to be in Spain
you did not know it. Did is that I am not looked
you find the package of upon as a curiosity on
letters I asked you kindly account of my marks,
to send to me? You do not here the people are often
mention having found marked as shall for if
them so conclude that quite common all over
you much have for gotten Spain. I must close as it
that I asked you to look it almost dinner time.
for them as I am perfectly Hope Papa is not working
sure that they were in too hard up at Ogden, I
the safe. Hope ere this suppose one does not
that you have received need to worry as he has
the box for Grandma & a constitution of iron,
Edward, will you please please give him my very
tell me how much debt best love and tell him
you were obliged to pay also please that he must
for the ties as of course not forget that he owes
I shall make it all right. me a letter. With love to
I am delighted to be all at home I remain
back here some more affectionately
am so fond of the Spanish
Marion

My dear Mamma

I did not
get my last week's letter
off to you as I have been
unwell in bed for almost
two weeks however Mrs
Caird promised to write
for me so as to let you
know that it was not
through neglect that my
weekly budget was not
forthcoming. I think that
the fates have conspired
against me for as I am
well enough to go out
it sets me for a week or so.
I think I shall write you from
Kew now and then.

runned as they will
now have to have the
ceremony in a chapel
only half large enough to
hold the people who wish
to see them. They are going
to a Bull-fight Easter
Sunday which I suppose
will very much shock
you but if we do not see
it on Sunday we cannot
see it at all and see one
we must and shall.
I told Mrs Earl that the
hus wife was intended
for her and she seemed
very much pleased that
you had thought of her.
I think I forgot to tell you
that Mrs. DeWitt-Graham
sent me some bones last
winter was it not body of
us to think of me after

you what a successful
trip we are having, we
are simply fascinated
with everything and
nothing of us. I calculate
to say that I am
one of the most delight-
ful countries we have
ever visited. Beside the
country and the people
one finds here an
unlimited number of
marvellous things of
interest such as paintings
cathedrals and shops
for his and she seemed
public buildings. We have
had only one dress about
must make we could on
assuming we found the
Cville Cathedral in the
hands of workmen so
that the ceremony took
place will be almost

such a long separation?
I must close now as it
is time to dress for
dinner. Mrs. Egel sends
kindest regards love my
love to all at home and
when you write the boys
tell them that I have not
quite forgotten them and
that I send them my
very best love. I hope you
will let them come over
soon to see me as I want
most awfully to see them.
I feel myself to have been
most cold and selfish
towards them and I long
to make amends to them.
My very best love to Papa.
I do not envy you as I would
have done once the pleasure
you are having socially but
am glad for more sake
of your health and the world.

always thought that at best he could only live five or ten years and that the probability was that he would not live half that time. He has decided not to go to Chile!!!

I am glad that he is not going ~~there~~ if he were taken seriously till one could never get to Lima as it is so far away. We are having miserable weather here now, so damp & dismal. We are fully decided to go south this winter as the cold weather has made my face decidedly worse.

I am delighted and cannot wait for the time to come. It was very kind of you to ask Mrs. Earl what I wanted for Christmas,

My dear Emma

I did not write home last week thinking it at a repetition of all Mrs. Earl wrote, would only be a bore to you. Mr. Deverson has just left Paris after spending a few days with us here on his way to Spain. He is very much improved in health and the doctors, for the first time since he has been ill, say that he may get well. Although this is only slight encouragement it is a great deal to a man who has

as the 3rd of December
will be here in no time
at all. I shall never
forgive you if you forget
to send me the photo-
graph of Madeline and
Baby. Major Eaton sent
me a very nice note
the other day with some
chipping from newspaper
about himself. It was
a short review of his life
and from the date of his
entrance at Yale till
Mrs. Carl thinks that her
brother and he were there
at the same time. For
the first time since I
left America I am begin-
ning to feel a little homes-
ick. It is a feeling quite
foreign to me, even when
my own dear Mother was

she told you I think
that if my debts would
be cancelled off that that
I would consider the most
welcome Christmas present.
Did you get my letter in
which I mention my
sending Edward's Christ-
mas present to you so as
to be sure that he would
pay nothing on it? There
will also be a little
present for Grandma.
These are the only
presents I am going to
send home as it is most
difficult to send any-
thing to America on
account of the Customs
House. Higher things for
example are refused
from plants. We are very
busy getting ready to leave

forced to leave me for several
months on account of her
health I never for one
moment felt home-sick.
It is strange isn't it that
I should feel so now, I
thought myself thorough-
ly when I found home.
Mrs. Earl was sitting on
my bed the other night
when in the course of our
conversation I announced
that I wanted to marry
an American and really
she nearly rolled off the
bed with surprise as she
never supposed that I
favoured any but pure
English. I must close or
I shall go on forever with
such nonsense. With love
to all I remain as always
Thos. W. Horn

My dear Mamma

At last the long looked for cable has arrived telling of the safe arrival of the baby. As I have said before you are very lucky, first to have had Madeline sent to you and now a dear little baby boy. You must write me as soon as you are able and tell me who the little one looks like, boys always look like the mother so I

that it must have
been lost. I received
the photograph of baby
yesterday, it delighted
me, she is the village
of papa, Mrs Earl also
remarked the likeness very well. I wish I could
as quite remarkable. see him, little babies
Mrs. Earl says that she are so darling & sweet,
is more fascinating than it is a pity though
beautiful if that is the case I imagine her so short a time. I send
as to be a perfect mignon you a little photograph
as she is certainly very pretty I thought it rather
pretty. I must close dear
Mama hoping by this time you are
very much better. If
Grandma is with you
gives her my love. Mrs.
Earl and I are both
well. I go next week to

suppose he will have
brown eyes and dark
hair. Of course you will
name him after
Grandfather, Lewis
M. Edison. I think some
I think some
I hope it will reach
you in safety, I sent
you the same photo-
graph about six months
ago but as you never
have mentioned having
received it I concluded

Wish to see "The
Passion Play" it is
only a day from
here and as this
is the last time it
will ever be given
I thought I would
regret if I do not go
and see it. Mrs. Earl
is not going as she
has already seen
it and also it is much
better for me to go
with a person who
does not speak English
Miss. Bingham expects
to sail for America
next month. Give
my love to Papa and
all the rest. Thanks for
my new L. of C. we will
try and make it last
a long time With best love
Morrison

28
a child - and stated
in the journal of
private files - father
in 1901 - I had
travelling down
My dear Father -
I had been told
that you were surprised
to hear of my
being in the
in your letter - I had
to get it - and to the
work - and that the
and that the
and that the

35
later such a life is
hardly what one
would call exciting
but it brings one
much happiness.
Many changes from
the draft which
keeps a few days
ago. Everything is
very cheap here so
I feel certain my
about as well as
enough for the year.
Hats of it. Father I have

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remembered that
very poor and
is to be done at
the thought of a
beautiful gift. I have
already picked up the
house we are in is
a fine one with
unfused in the
first for children. My
days are very full
and I am not
quite blown by
doing some
very
serving and visit the
house & sick with dear

a fine course dinner
sent to me for 100
25cts and enough
left from it to make
a supper. I call that
getting along especially
as it is very good
into the bargain.
Please let me hear from
you soon. I would
rather be sure you
are happy than you
would believe.
I am your daughter
and I am your
well wisher.

M.E.

My dear Hanna

Only a line to say
that we are well and nicely
settled in Hanseum for a
few weeks. I think the waters
here will do me a great deal
of good. I take a bath every
morning in very strong iron
water and also do many other
things for my system which
the doctors say is the only
possible way of curing my

face. It is most awfully dull
here but there is a young
Englishman a friend of
Mrs. Earls who brightens us
up somewhat and also we
have very good music three
times a day. We go next week
to Bayreuth for the Wagner
operas, we stay but two days
however. I have become a
walker thanks to Mrs. Earls.
Mr. Dawson and the walks
about here are simply too
high. Give my fondest love
to all at home and please
write soon to yours
Lovingly Mamma

hate letter writing and
will not force myself to
write. I think that I
have received several
letters from you since I
last wrote. I enjoyed
them immensely and
was delighted to see how
neatly you write and
what a marked im-
provement there is
in every letter. Mama
tells me that you are
to spend this summer
at Long Beach what
rare fun you will have

Bad-Naheime

My dear Lou

Really it is
simply atrocious that
I have been so very
neglectful of you and
ask you for 1000 times
sake to forgive what
must seem to you like
utter heartlessness. It
is not at all because I
do not think of you
but simply that I

As I remember Long
Beach it was one of
the loveliest summer
resorts I had ever
visited, one of its great-
est charms being the
bathing as the beach
was so flat. When are you
coming to Europe to
see me? One of these
fine days when you
have finished school
you and Will. must drop
in upon me and a
mighty warm welcome
you will both receive!
Write soon, you will have a
quite happy M.

I expect my face will
will have rather a drole
expression when I see
two men instead of two
little boys small enough
to take in one's arms.
You will hardly know
thing you may be sure
and that is that the
heart is just the same
and loves you just as
much as ever. Tell
Will. I will write him
next give him my best
love also to our other little
brother and to Madeline.
Devotedly yours

My dear Mamma

Although I am travelling I am not going to give that as an excuse to omit my weekly letter as I feel that no excuse is sufficient after my past neglect. I suppose you think that we are never contented to settle down long in a place as we are always it seems on the wing but this flight will be a short one as there is nothing to keep us in Germany after we have heard the two offers at Bayreuth. We are now in Amsterdam, when I say we I do not mean Mrs. Earl and I me but Mlle Lashin who is

at least two weeks here. The
San Brussels & Antwerp in
passing through Belgium.
Both cities afforded me. Brussels
I expected to find more like
Paris and Antwerp I expected
to find quieter and older.
I think I have a good friend
in Mrs. Earl, her letters since
our separation could not be
possibly more affectionate or
lovely. I speak French constantly
with Mlle. Sachin and even in
the short time I have been in
Paris French has become the
same as English to me. They
say that I do not speak at all
with an English accent but I
think that that comes from my
voice being less guttural
than most people's. I must close
as I expect Mrs. Sourin to appear

travelling with me. The wedding
that Mrs. Earl went to attend
took place yesterday so it is very
probable that Mrs. Earl will
meet me Tuesday or even
Monday at The Hague. I have
taken a most desperate journey
to the Dutch, they are not at
all as I expected to find them
heavy, coarse people like the
Germans but much more
like the Latin races, full of
animation & gaiety. The men
are very handsome and have
the Spanish men's charm
which is all I need say. I am
proud to think that their blood
runs in my veins. Amsterdam
is a fascinating little city full
of life I am sorry that your
time is so limited as I could
be perfectly contented to spend

on the scene at any minute.
He is due here from Spain
this morning but the boats
are often late on account
of the tide so while I really
ought not to expect him yet
there is a possibility of his
coming at any moment.
Don't forget to tell me where
you are spending the summer.
Good bye, give my love to all
at home and please write
soon.

Yours affectionately
Mamie

Hotel Amstel

nothing to fear in going home. I am sure that I would be very happy with you as I feel for the first time since your marriage that you would like to have me with you. I have always thought that you would much rather not have me at home and this alone was the basis upon which all my feelings inward you were founded. Your kind sentiments toward me made me feel very happy as showing that you are not as I supposed entirely indifferent to me. You must not think that I feel that you have ever been unkind to me for certainly you never have been so what hurt me was that I knew you

My dear Hanna

Your letter of the 26th just to hand and as usual it was a most welcome one. I see by what you say about my coming home that you think that you are the cause rather than my face which makes me wish to remain over here. This is not the case at all if it were not for the dread of having my friends see me so changed I would most certainly come home. I am so perfectly certain that we have so changed in the last three years that I have

were kind to me because you she wrote me some time
thought it your duty to do last spring. I am delighted
so and not because you that little creature is to be
wanted to. I do hope Mama married; is her fiance worthy
that you will believe me of her? if he is, he must be a
when I say that I would very fine man. Old maids are
certainly come home if it not simple aversion is I am
were not for my face and always glad to hear of any
that I feel perfectly confident one whom I like ^{very} much. I
that if I were to write I should be married as that saves him
be very happy with you. I from a fate which is to me
write the boys the other day appalling. You ask in your
and hope they received it. letter about Mr. Garrison. I told
I shall be delighted to have you nothing thinking that
a photograph of the babies. Mrs. Earl had probably done
as you know I have no ideas and that aspiration would
what the baby boy looks only bore you. He is a friend of
like. It is strange that Charles Mrs. Earl and we meet him
is light as they say that boy and his brother last spring
usually take after the mother in Lougier, we meet in several
I wrote Mary yesterday in places in Spain afterwards.
answer to a very sweet letter sometimes finding ourselves

would be forced to go to with- in the same hotel. They were
out my vail while in Europe very kind to us and intro-
I go to masked balls, bull duced us to crowds of their
fights, races and the opera friends with the bluest of
It is true that I received a blue blood in their veins
great deal of attention but which of course simply made
I feel sure that I would not our stay in several of the
have the kind I love so if I Spanish cities a thing of
were seen without my vail delight from beginning to
If I could only get this ^{moment} ~~moment~~ I never tell you of our
out of my head and feel gay times fearing that
entirely with the fact that you will get a wrong im-
my ^{modest} face has been the cause pression and that if certain
of offers of marriage from things were the case I am
several men which ought to not unattractive ^{enough} to make
make one feel much happier my face an excuse for re-
than to have a crowd of men maining in Europe. You see
around making love and the gay times I have in
flirting with ^{me} you to kill time Europe I could not have at
without one thought in their all at home, there I would
thoughtless heads of asking be forced to go to dinner, teas
you to marry them. One sals, parties all of which I

thing I ever flatters me as the states this fall in his
much as if I had been a way to Phil in search of
successful belle and that health. I fear in vain though
is that I could have married as the doctors say he early
men who would never have not possibly have been like
thought for a moment of ask all young bloods with plenty
ing me to marry him if of money he has been very
I had turned out the proverbial fast and repents when it
women which I would have is to late. I shall have him
been had it not been for my call on you if you would
illness Mrs. Geo. McDallen like to meet him I think
who lives near us in Schenck you would like him very
Pate is an intimate friend which indeed I've my hope
of Mr. Dawson. He saw both to all at home and please
her and her daughter in tell Papa not forget to write
Langier, do you know them? me a letter in answer to
I have my passage in about the one I wrote him last
ten minutes as I must stop month. He will leave for
and reaches Mrs. Carl is out Paris next week and hope
but would send her love if Paris Mr. Dawson will go to
she knew I was writing him Spain with much love and
Dawson may wait out to hoping to hear from you soon
I remain Affectionately Marion

My dear Mama
Your letter to Mrs.
Earl dated September 6th came
last night. It surprised me
beyond words to hear you
speak as though it were per-
fectly decided that I should
leave home next month.
I have never known you to
act with so little feeling or
kindness as in this case. I
am perfectly convinced that
you do not believe that my
marks are the reason
for my refusing to come home
or you would never be so

myself an exile from home
 than to suffer what I would give to - it. Now frankly
 suffer by having my friends witness my afflictions. What you
 seems so strange to me is that you at home have less
 sympathy with me and less appreciation of the
 possibility than others even
 utter strangers. They all
 seem to understand my
 feeling about it as I do and
 see nothing strange in
 my not wishing to come
 home at least while my
 face is as it is now. I don't
 see how you could possibly
 have understood from my
 letters that I go into society.
 If the words balls or parties
 ever were in any of my
 letters it was to say that
 were those were the kinds

utterly heartless as to force
 it on me. I have known anyone
 who has seen me since
 my unfortunate illness
 and who tells you that if
 they were put in my place
 they would act in a way
 differently than I have. It
 would take more force of
 character than any girl
 of 18 is possessed of to rise
 above my affliction or see
 without pain friends who
 have known them otherwise
 in to put yourself in my
 place. Thanka so that you
 can understand how I feel
 and will cease to blame me
 for wishing rather to make

of entertainments that
we never go to. I remember
perfectly having said in
one of my letters written
from Germany that the
only things we ever went
to, were races, bull fights,
the opera etc. in short, only
places where I could wear
my veil; & since I told
you also I did not go to
places they were given in
a cafe where I could go
veiled. As to my writing
about gentlemen I never
said anything except
that I had had some offers
of marriage and this, if
I didn't wish it. Mrs. Earl
had no right to tell you, I
did not or do not think it
honorable for a girl to
make the names of men

who have asked her to
marry them public pro-
perty. This I cannot at
all understand why Mrs.
Earl ought to have told
you these things if I did
not wish her to. As to
I, I had thought of one of
them for a moment I should
have told you. The only man
who has asked me to marry
him that I would consider
a moment I would have
written you and asked
your advice although you
know him and would I
am sure not oppose my
marrying him. Thus you
see now that I would
not take one step without
telling you everything no
matter how sure I might
be that it would meet your

feel that I must come home approval. I have often thought that she would rather refuse thought that my letters to stay with me, thereby must be very unintelligible rehearsing you of the expense of her salary, that I should be made to go home against my wishes. comment on things I tell But surely you would not be you. I always thought that so unkind as to separate it was as because my to her. Give my love to all cases lost but now I see at home and believe that I it is partly that you do mean nothing material not understand there's in what I have said only partly that you forget my wish to make matters plain questions. Please tell me to you. frankly if the money has anything to do with your wishing me to come home, if it was I will make any sacrifice except to go home or to be separated from Mrs. Earl. She says that if it is the expense that makes you

Loveingly
Marian

P.S. I expect you will laugh at my seal I bought it in an antique shop so don't think that it was a gift of royalty.

if it was I will make any sacrifice except to go home or to be separated from Mrs. Earl. She says that if it is the expense that makes you

My dear Mauna,

What under the
sun put it in to your head
that I am in love with Mr.
Larson? Surely I did not
write you anything that lead
you to suppose I was. On the
contrary I wrote, I remember,
in one or two letters back
that I was not in love with
him but perhaps you did
not receive that letter until
after you had written Mr.
Lark to ask if your surmise
was true about it. That you
have misunderstood this

make me consider it were
it not, as I have often said
to him, that there are
several insurmountable
barriers to our marriage.
First, his health, secondly
money and third, the which
of course I did not give him,
his mad jealousy. This last is
all very well in a horse but
in a husband it is any-
thing but agreeable especially
in a country where it is
the custom for men to
make love to other men's
wives. However, I may not
have a choice in the matter
as Mr. Dawson's not coming
to Paris on his way to Germany,
shows that he has not for-
gotten his oath which he
made because I refused to
go to Bill as in August.

case has been only what I
think most natural but you
can see that I have not
been unwise to conceal
such things from you as
it saves you the annoyance
of surmising more than the
truth and I save me the
trouble of correcting those
surmises. I promise to tell
you Maund when I fall in
love so do not worry until
you get the news from me
no matter what other people
say or how things look. I do
not say that I would not fall
in love with Mrs. Dawson
were I to allow myself to do
so. I respect him very much
and he is thoroughly respecta-
ble to me, this with the
fact that he is a very
brilliant match would

Now for your other question
in your letter to Mrs. Earl.
Why does Marion not want
to come home? Now Mama
this is hardly a compliment,
so you think that I have not
been telling you the truth
do you? Looked the rest of the
world ^{who} you always see free
with my veil do you think
that I am only slightly mark-
ed and that because I am
fascinated with Europe I make
this an excuse to remain.
I again repeat that were
it not for my face I would
willingly come home. It is
true that I love Europe and
that one of the greatest reasons
why I love it is that Europeans
have always treated me much
nicer than the Americans
have, but I also realize that

I am quite a different girl
now than I was when I
left home and very likely
that has much to do with it.
Mrs. Earl insists upon my
sending you the enclosed
photograph as I have had
none other taken that
would give you any idea
how I look. This was taken
several months after my
illness as you can see
by my short hair. They all
said at the time that it did
not do me justice but I
think it flatters me as of
course in the photograph
the marks do not appear.
You must not think the
woman who is with me is
a friend of mine, I should
be very much ashamed
to choose her as such, she

in Germany under rare
moral instruction also in
another paper that an
interview that a reporter
had with me at a ball.
What hairs they are! Give
my love to all at home
and do not worry about
me any more as Mrs. Carl
would say people like me
who are about to be hung
need no fear fire water or
anything else or danger.

Lovingly
 Marion.

P.S. Please tell Papa that I
am awfully flattered that
people say that I have
grown to look so much like
him. Please don't forget the
photographs I asked you
for.

is a Nille Sacc. who Mrs. Carl
got to take me to Munich
last year to see the
"Passion Play". I saw Nille
de Meyer in the Boys day
before yesterday but need
less to say I cut her. Paris
is filled with Spaniards
much to my delight as I
simply adore that whole
nation. We are having very
warm weather but as it is
good for my face I try to con-
sole myself by thinking of
that. Please this wonderful
winter letter but I am very
tired & trembly. Hope you
are all well. By the way you
are by this time back at
St. Louis. I read in the
paper the other day that
was a brilliant performer
on the piano and that I am

MS

My dear Mama

After a long
wait your letter at
last came. I was ever
so sorry about the fruit
and flowers and think
it extremely stupid of
them at the labor along
to have sent Coni letter
to me, or to Chantangua.

Cons. must have thought evening or tomorrow
I had gone, and I morning we shall have
certainly thought she a very full house for
had. Were you not very over Sunday, Mrs. Carl
frightened at the Ogden being still here. Mrs.
accident? I fancy though Hpton called this after
that you must have noon and invited me
heard from Father be. To dine with her and
fore seeing an account a young gentleman
of it in the papers so friend, a New Yorker I
naturally you were not believe, at the Country
in suspense about him. But some day soon.
He has just come home. It is very good of her
and with him Mr. Ma. but as this is not
large and as Uncle Sam much in my line &
is expected either this shall try of course to

get out of it, that is if
I can do so gracefully.
Will. is doing a little
bit better. Mrs. Earl has
completely won his
heart and she has won
hers if I am to judge
by the number of 3 lbs
boxes of Kisslers she
has given him since
she came. The house
seems very quiet without
the dear babes, give
them my best love. Ben
is going away next week,
in view of which I think
I ought seriously to
contemplate suicide.

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We have such quantities
of flowers now that
there are so few of us
that I sent down a
large box of them to
the Memorial Hospital
as I thought it much
better that those poor
sick people should
have them than that
they should be put
around in the empty
rooms here where there
is no one to enjoy
them. My fivels have
come home and every

one thinks them a very the family but particu-
great success. I am larly to Grandma, Thelma
sure you will think and Edward. Mrs. Earl
so too when you see is in New York today
them. Thomas Conroy she would probably
was very sick the send her regards. Write
other night with a me very soon again if
violent attack of cholera only a few lines as of
M- but is slowly getting course I am very much
better. I asked Doyle interested in every
to allow one of his men thing you are doing.
to help him as Mrs. Please tell him. I shall
Conroy came to me and write her very soon
said that he was really
not well enough to re-
main out of bed. Give
my love please to all

Affectionately
M. Marion

MS

My dear Mama

This has been
a very long day for me
as well as a very dreary
one and between my
loneliness and this dread-
ful weather I almost
wish that I had start-
ed with Miss McWilliam
& Miss. for Chautauqua

Fortunately Tom has
telegraphed that he
will come ^{off} and spend
Sunday with me, and
perhaps Mr. Malby
may come with him,
I am very glad, as Sun-
day is always a long
day and would seem
longer as if I were here
all alone. I hope Miss.

Mr. Williams & Will arrived
safely, Will's over-coat
was left behind but I
have had it sent on.
To him as he is almost
sure to need it before his

return. I was awfully
sorry to see Miss. Mc
Williams go and only
wish that Madeline
was old enough to need
her as a teacher, she
is certainly an exception-
al worker and I have
had a great deal of
satisfaction in having
such a good opportunity
to know her well. I fear
she is in a bad way
physically and ought
to have had perfect rest
after such a hard winter
she has done quite on the

contrary though and has
slaved herself over Will,
until I really thought she
would break down. I hope
you will reconsider what
you told me in regard
to her salary, you would
do so I am sure if I had
been here to see how
she has worked over him.
I will tell my very best
love and tell him to
confess his sins about
the clothes he was to take
to Phant au qua with him.
You remember you told
me to have him take a
P. A. suit, a winter coat
and something else which

I have now forgotten. The
suit he refused to put
blank to take and after
consenting to take the
coat, took it down to
the laboratory and
there calmly left it. I
now make him own up
and don't blame me that
he turned up at Phau-
tau qua without even a
hand bag. The suit and
coat are forthcoming how-
ever. I have also noti-
cised that people who
are not looking out for
themselves, always have
some one to look out for

them. I hope the babies
are well and are enjoy-
ing themselves. They will
probably be so black I
shall hardly know them.
Please give my love to
them and tell Madeline
that Sister Marion has
learned to knit so well
that by the time she
comes home she will be
able to knit her dolly,
something very pretty.
Write me again soon
and always glad to hear
from you.

Affectionately

Marion.

This Father for me

My dear Mima
The trunk
arrived safely to-
day and I am
much obliged
to you for it. I am
very busy getting
ready to start on
Saturday so if you
will pack the things

as I have no more and anything
idea of marrying else which was too
him than you large to go into
have the time I will

Very sincerely

Thomas Edison

call for them at
the laboratory if
you will send
them down there.
I understand Mina
that you have
said I was going
to Europe to marry
M. Gerson, please
do not tell such
things about me

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES

**CORRESPONDENCE BY
MARION EDISON OESER
AND OSCAR OESER**

1894-1897

Musabwa

July 23rd 1892

My dear Mr. Edison!

*I hope I have made
Mr. Ceser's letter clear for you to
understand. I hope you will let
our darling stay with us we will
try our best to make her life here
much happiness. You can give
her to Mr. Ceser without fearing
for he is a good man and loves her.
I think you must say I interfere
but I hope & wish them so to be
happy, this is all I wish to write
& hope you must not be displeased
with me. Much compliments from*

Sister Louise.

[ENCLOSURE]

Musabry - Spremberg
Kingdom of Saxony
July 23^d 1894.

Mr. Edison
Dear Sir:

I beg leave to inform you that I have made the acquaintance of your daughter. I love her and wish to have her for my wife. She has consented if I can prevail upon you to agree to our union. I shall anxiously await your answer. Being obliged as German officer to accommodate myself to the laws prevailing in this country, I must request you to send me your person approbation acknowledged by trecount so that I may be able to receive the consent of His Majesty the King of Saxony which is necessary for the marriage of an

[ENCLOSURE]

officer. I beg to send you the names
of some persons of rank here who
can inform you as to my credentials
Oberleutnant Freiherr von Kappr
maercker in Chemnitz of whom
I am the Adjutant. — Oberst and
Regiments — Kommandeur Baron
von Matthee. — Major Baron
Diep — Heilitz — Kuehne both are
in Chemnitz. — Generalmajor
Kohfeldt — Dresden. Among civil
ians: Herr Oberamtsrichter Chemnitz
— Bürgermeister Schreffler Kussdorf
— Landrichter Laffel — Dr. med.
Welle both are in Chemnitz.
Hoping you will reply as soon as
possible I remain your

Very sincerely
Oscar Peser.

[ENCLOSURE]

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HP. F. H. and others

Ich bin Krüppel, Offizier und
 nicht die besten, am liebsten
 aufpassen, um zu verhindern, dass
 irgendjemandem irgend etwas
 geschieht. Ich bin nicht in der
 Lage, die besten Offiziere zu
 sein, die ich haben möchte. Ich
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Obst. und Regiment, Taurunensis
Baron von Malottie,
Major Baron Dietz-Leditz-Neukirch,
Ingenieur in Chemnitz,
Generalmajor Hofffeld, Dresden
Hau. und Bauwesen:
Monarchienf. Richter Chemnitz
Landwirthf. Stäffel, Chemnitz
Lehrer der Pflanzk., Neudorf,
Dr. med. W. W. K., Chemnitz.

Mit den besten Grüßwünschen
an Sie und Ihre wohlgeehrten
Freunde eines heiligen Aufes.

Ihr sehr ergebener
 Over
 Franz Anton Schreder

I was ^{very} glad to see some out
from home and hear the
home news. He told me
you were looking well and
as young as ever the last
time he saw you. He wired
from Berlin here to find
out through a Chemnitz
bank if we were here of
as the man who the bank
sent here to find out did
not know. He wished to
know, I at once thought
I hoped it was you or one



Chemnitz
27-8-97

My dearest father;

Having no letter
from you to answer I sup-
pose the one sided cor-
respondence will have to
go on without it. Mr. Berg-
mann was here with his
family last month and

of the boys. Mr. Bergmann this world. I suppose Mr. Bergmann was very kind to us & he Bergmann will see you as must have a heart of gold soon as he returns & he He wanted to give me ~~you~~ can tell you all about us. mks. & said he would tell I have asked him to urge you about it but I did not you to come over next day. Take it for fear you would with him and make us be angry with the He made a visit. Oscar is worth me a present of a fine new the journey over if I do say Columbia wheel, there isn't it myself. Much love to any that can touch it here all & also for yourself from in Chemnitz. I wanted one us both. Lovingly yours
for a long time but one can
not having everything in
Harrison

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES

**CORRESPONDENCE BY
THOMAS A. EDISON, JR.**

St. Pauls.

August 20, 1890

My dear Mamma:-

I hope you
are enjoying yourself
and having lots of
fun with Pete.

I had no
idea that it would
cost so much to join
the workshop, it costs
\$25 dollars to get in, but that
is not all, you have to give
\$5 every term, but you have

to give the twenty five dollars²
no more.

If you don't think
I would accomplish as
much as the thing is
worth to get in, I will
be perfectly willing to stay
out.

But I have been voted
in to it so hard that
I don't believe I can get
out ^{if I} very easy.

The boys here always
collect their money ~~the~~
first so of course if you

will send the money as ³
soon as you can or send
me a letter I will be very
much obliged.

I was so homesick the
other day that I went
up in my room and
cried as hard as I could
and I don't feel a bit
homesick to day.

I have had every lesson
perfect this week except
my Arithmetic which I
stood 38 out of 45

I have nearly ~~forgot~~ forgotten
every thing I knew last

winter but my memory ⁴
is slowly coming back to
me again.

Well mamma I guess
I will close now with
much love to you, papa
and Pete

Your son

Thomas A. Edison Jr.

St. Pauls School
Jan. 23. 1891.

My dear mamma:—

I do not want
you to worry over William.
I will do all I can for him
in every way and my dear
mamma if it is in my
power to influence him
in any way. It shall be
done. And I think you will
see a quite a change in his
reports for now and forever.
I felt fearful homesick when
you left but I feel a little

better now. I will try to write
very often if I can.

Will mamma this is a short
note but a ~~sure~~ sure one.

So I guess I will say good by
with much love from us
both.

Thomas

St. Paul's School

June 9 1891.

My Dear Mamma:-

I hope you are all
having a nice time at home.
We are having fine weather up here
and all the flowers being out it
makes the air smell very fragrant.
We are working very hard at present
and I have not had very much
time to write letters so you
must excuse me for not writing
to you sooner. This morning
I tried on my tennis suit for
the first time and as usual
to small my pants come up
to my knees and my coat
is so tight that I am afraid
to wear them any length of

time, but it is plenty large enough for William who is very anxious to have them. We play tennis a great deal here and we enjoy it very much indeed. Are the boys coming up to Glenmont the spring mamma do you know? Mr. Boit will not let me go down to the work shop very much now so I am sorry to say I have not accomplished very much this term.

I suppose you know that every Sunday night shake hands with every master in the school and by the time we are through why our hands are pretty sore so you must excuse my writing. Mr. Boit told all the boys last night that they should send home for money enough

so if you will send enough for us both we will be very much obliged. we start at four o'clock in the morning on the 19th day of June.

Well mamma I guess I will close so I will say good by. We both send love to you all.

Thomas A. Edison Jr

Thos. A. Edison Esq. Mrs E
My dear sir,

The boys have had on the state
a good year. Will is an accomplished
study writer, & does not do himself
justice. I think he is a very bright &
able boy. He will have no trouble in
making up his composition in English.

Will you please remember me to
them both, & I remain

Very truly yrs

Henry A. Cook

L. P. S. 26 June 1891-

St. Paul's School

Oct 18/92

My dear mamma -

Excuse me

for not writing sooner.

We are having very fine
weather up here and we
enjoy it very much indeed.

I am very very glad you are
all having such a good
time and I hope it will
continue so. I only wish
I could share a little of
it with you.

My studies are fair, but
they are no wheres near
what I expected them to be,
when I last so you they are

exactly the same that day as they are now, the Rector has not done anything which he said he would, which makes me feel very badly.

Our suits are very nice indeed, fitting beautifully in every way. Will and I have made a vow, and that is, - which ever keeps their clothes the best and at the end of the term are the best which shall be judged by you - will be rewarded by a five pound box of candy which shall be furnished by the defeated competitor.

Our bicycles are in fine order, as I have said before, "whether you doubted or still doubt our word" and we often take long rides on them through the country admiring the beautiful country, of which there is no doubt, you could imagine, is charming. Our canoe has arrived and we go out quite often in it and enjoy the pleasure of skipping around the ponds "other woad lakes" very much indeed. I have at last decided not to go into foot-ball this year.

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because it is entirely to
rough a game for me
there is no possible use
upon the face of the earth
getting a leg or some
other wound, where there
is so many other things
to do just as much
fun in and ~~get~~ more
safer. Every spare
moment I have I draw
pictures sometime of engines
and boats and a great many
other things. I drew a steamer
the other day which the
boys say I ought to feel
proud of, and I sent it in
to get a little frame put
around it, is that all
right?

5
I want to send it to
Harvor. I suppose I should
have asked you about
it before I sent it in, but
I forgot all about it.
You must not think mamma
I have forgotten you in
searching you a picture.
I am drawing one now
for you which I hope
to finish in a few days
if not sooner.
Well mamma I guess I
will close hoping to
hear from you soon
love to all, good-bye
Dora

[INCOMPLETE]

St. Paul's School
Nov 23/92

My dear Mamma:

I have a great many reasons why I am so discontented here so many it is very hard to tell them all. I am glad mamma above all things that somebody takes an interest in me. And I suppose it is nothing more than right to tell you exactly how I feel. I have tried over and over again to be popular with the boys and masters. but failed in every attempt. I would give worlds to know what

I have done to them because it is now time. I should be correcting myself of the wrong which I have bestowed upon them.

You probably think this is all nonsense for one to be speaking in this manner mamma. but still be that as it may, it is the truth and nothing but the truth. I feel it and I feel it badly.

That is one of many reasons why I am so discontented here. The rest I will tell you when I see you.

Sunday I said to myself. "For next week I am going to study hard." But what came of it nothing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

[CA. 1890-1892 (INCOMPLETE?)]

St. Paul's School,
Oslo, N. H.

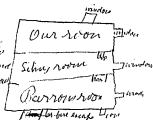
Dear Grandma:

I have to break
the trunk open because I have not
got the key yet.

Only had four collars and
one pair of cuffs and wore
them from the 26 to 30 and
I did not have any soap or towel
nor anything.

I will draw you a plan
of the rooms

We have a
room between
the two rooms to
sit and read and
take any thing you
please.



Jan 31,
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Encl. Address "Edison, New York."

From the Laboratory
of
Thomas A. Edison.

Subject, _____

Orange, N.J. January - 14 - 1889

my dear Father - as I have not the ability to talk to you in person - as I would like to - and as I feel in this instance - I should be understood perfectly - I take the liberty of writing, knowing I could express myself more clearly to you - Perhaps you already know - that it is my intention - not to return to Edison - although I like and enjoy the work up there - very much indeed - I feel that I ought to be some where - where there is a little more life - I tried to stick it out up there - until I was twenty one - it was very hard some time - but I succeeded. I often have wondered what you thought of my staying up there so much - and why it was. If I was anyone else - but your son - perhaps I could not have stayed up there - and the answer to the above - is in the answer to this "why is it you like to stay at Edison"? Sometimes - I feel Father - that mother and her folks do not understand me - they have often proved this - and it makes me feel very badly - why is it they keep continually asking me to do things - that to me - are absurd - and yet when I refuse - they cannot understand it. Do you like to go out to "dances" "receptions" "dinners" and many other like things? no - it is very easily to understand why you do not but it is certainly very evident - they do not realize that I am your son,

5-4402

Call Address "Edison, New York."

From the Laboratory
of
Thomas A. Edison.

Subject, _____

Orange, N.J. _____

However - they can keep on asking - if they wish - they will get tired after a while - It pains me very much to ask this of you Father - for I have - asked you so many times - and you have always been so kind to me - but since I do not intend to return to Edison - I would very much like to have something to do - I will be only too glad to do anything you want me to and I will always do my best - as I always have tried to do - I feel that I never have pleased you in anything even have done - but I never will be satisfied until I do - and this will be my sole and only aim in this world - if I can do this - I will wish for nothing more - I may not succeed - but I can and will try - this is all I can do - I don't believe I will ever be able to talk to you the way I would like to - because you are so far my superior in every way that when I am in your presence - I am perfectly helpless - you no doubt have noticed this yourself - but perhaps some day this may be different - Now Father you may not have anything you could start me in right away - perhaps not for several months - or a year - but in the mean - time I will be making my time useful by some other means - for I much rather wait until I could start in something - that I could go right ahead with - and not begin something right away - which I would have to drop - for something better - later on - but its not a case of what I want - no indeed - its what you choose to give me - And remember Father - that I feel that I never have pleased you - all I will ever ask of you - is a chance to try - I see that Randolph is giving up my estate - I wish to thank you very much for allowing it to be settled so soon - Hoping every thing is proving satisfactory at Edison - I remain your devoted and faithful son ever,

CHAS. W. DARR, Press

LOUISE BURKE, Trans.



Chicago, January 30th 1897

My dear Mother -

We arrived in Chicago last night - five hours late - but otherwise - an uneventful trip - everything has gone very smoothly so far - we expect to start for St. Louis - to-morrow morning - I will drop you a line from there - I am going out to make several calls this morning and as it is getting late - I must make this note very short - but thought perhaps you would like to know where I am - and how I am getting along - so good-bye - love to all -

Louise



The Fremont
 Clarence H. Gueringers
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 American Plan
 Rates 2⁵⁰¢ per day

Galveston, Texas, February 15th 1877

my dear mother

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Edison - New Jersey -

May - 15th - 1897

Saturday - morning - 8:30

my dear Mother -

I was in hopes - "though I may not

say how much" - that you would favor me with a word or two - It is true - I have only been away from "Glenmont" a few days - but these days - Oh! how long they seem - I shall patiently wait - with that feeling of supreme content - and that feeling of certain expectancy - which some times comes over one - though to me this is rare - I will await those kind words - that are indeed - dearer - far dearer - to me - than their author has ever - or will ever realize - But why should I ask you for your words - knowing^{well} I am not worthy of a single one -? because it is you - last Mother - and no one else in this world - and no mother - has the heart to deprive her son of her words of advice and of ^{her} wisdom - Fortunately - Father has given me some work to lay out - that greatly pleases me - and I am hard at it - and I sincerely hope it will please him - which I am doing my

level best to do - though I probably
never will be able to please him -
as I am afraid - it is not in me - but
I shall never give up trying - if I could
only talk to him the way I want to -
perhaps - every thing may be different -
I have many ideas of my own - which
sometimes - yes - I may say on all occasions
I would like to ask him - or tell him about
but they never leave me smooth - and
are soon forgotten - perhaps where
they belong - perhaps not - this I would
like to leave him to decide - well -
mother - I have no desire to bother you
any longer - but I thought I would - as I
deem it quite necessary - though unimportant
that you should know that I still exist - and am thinking of those
I love - as I always do - "them six"

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Edison - New Jersey -
Wednesday - morning
May - 19th 1897


my dear Mother

your kind and welcome letter was received yesterday - It surprises me very much to hear that Mrs Earl - has seen Will. She had an object in doing it - besides the desire of seeing him - or I am very much mistaken - but what that object was - I am perfectly at sea - but I shall find out immediately - because she is by no means - a woman - Will - should be influenced by - and if I am writing this - that is what she is doing - if not - I ask her pardon - for this accusation - behind her back - it makes me feel sometimes - very badly - when I think that - you feel towards her the way you do mothers though it is not you - who should realize what she has tried to do - to you - and failed it was I who realizes - all this - for I was the one she tried to influence - against you and you never knew - or probably never will - what means she took to do it - if you only knew you would certainly feel as I do towards her - but some how - I cannot feel you do - and this is what pains me - I ~~wanted~~ ^{wanted} to tell you the other night when we were talking about this woman - something - I could not tell - for you would not believe me - but never the less it

is as true - as I am alive. I will tell you - and you can believe it - or not - just as you choose - It was Mrs Earl that has made Marion feel towards you the way she does - and no one else in this world - and Marion's heart told her that she is doing wrong - and she was on the point several times - of coming back home - and live with us all - but Mrs Earl told her not to - and that settled it - the result is - as it stands to-day - but in Marion's heart - there is and always will be a feeling that she was very wrong - and to-day it is her characteristic obstinacy - that keeps her from us - that is all - You may wonder how I know all these things - but I placed myself in a position - as an non-interested party - and went very deep - in solving - this unfortunate and painful case - and only a part of my knowledge is known to you - the rest would do you no good - and shall never leave my mouth - and I shall do a personal favor of you mother dear - if you will never mention the name Mrs Earl to me - and please for my own sake - if for no one else - think of her as I do - for I despise - and hate her - one who has made me feel as un happy - she has lost many friends to me - and above all the love of my sister - the cruellest blow my heart as yet received - I ask God to spare

me any worse - my heart is too young to
 receive these things - and even now it is
 almost broken - together with the feeling
 that no one cares for me - who in this
 world could be happy - ? no indeed - I love but
 I am not loved. there is only one - that I
 feel loves me - and she is only a girl - and
 a girl does not - and cannot realize - what
 love is - it is only a foolish fancy - she has -
 but nevertheless - she says she does with
 all her heart - but she is entirely too young
 to know - what it means - and I treat her
 love for me - accordingly - but it makes
 me feel very much happier - to think that
 there is at least one - who cares for me -
 and says it in the manner - she does.

I am getting along very nicely with my
 separator ^{on the factory} - and fully expect to have it -
 furnished in about two weeks - perhaps much
 sooner - as you already know - I want to
 go up into the Adirondacks - on the 24th
 of next month - for about three weeks -
 some how - I don't like to ask ~~father~~ ^{father} father
 to let me go - but that is all the vacation
 I want this summer. Do you think he
 would consent mother ? I hate to ask
 him - for he has ^{done} too much for me
 now - but I may have the courage

soon to ask him -

I have written you a long letter mother
and I will expect one in return - Hoping
you are all well - with much love to you and
all — I am as ever

Your loving son

Tom

Edison - New Jersey -

May - 22nd - 1897 -

Saturday - morning - 11:30

My dear Mother -

I fully intended to come down to Orange - this afternoon - but as I want to hustle along with the separator all I can - I thought I would stay up and work to-morrow - I am getting along fairly well and hope to soon have it finished - In the meantime I am very sorry my absence at home - does not interfere with the many pleasures it affords - it never has I hope - and it never should - I never felt better in my life than I do now - with one exception - and that is there seems to be something up here - that affects my bowels

very much - and I don't seem to be able to
find out what it is - I suppose I ought to
see the Doctor about it - before it gets any
worse - as it may lead into something
very serious - for all I know - some times
I have awful pains in my sides - and they
hurt me very much - I thought I would
tell you mother - thinking you could advise
me what to do - I am always hungry and
have gained in weight since I have been
up here - I wrote Will about Mrs E^{rs} visit.
and expect an answer by Tuesday -

I painted a picture some time ago ^{"and 4000"} for one
of the fellows up here - He gave it to a friend
of his in New York City who had it framed
the other day - owing to the financial straits
of its owner - she auctioned it off - with some
other pictures she had - it brought to her the
sum of \$65.00 - which was more than she
got for all the rest of the pictures together.
I feel very proud of this mother - for I had no
idea it was worth anything - and above all
that it would be sold for such a purpose
Hoping you are all well - and that you
will write me soon. I am as ever

Your loving son

Tom -

Edison - N. J.

June - 23rd 1897

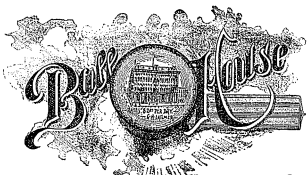
Wednesday - morning - 11:00

My dear Mother -

I thought I would drop you a line or two
and inform you - that I am coming down to Orange
To-morrow night - I may possibly be down at noon
though I am not certain - I have several things
to do before I start for the Adirondacks
which will be Friday - noon - and have got to
hurry in order to get ready in time - Mr. Mallory
told me you intend to go to the "East races"
I hope you will have a glorious time up there
and that your favorite crew will win - though
I am a little afraid - for your sake only - that you
will be disappointed in the result - Hoping
you are all well - and that I will see you
before you go away

I am your loving son as ever

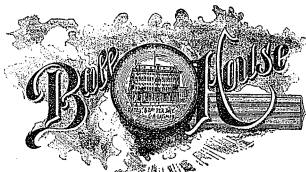
Tom Edison



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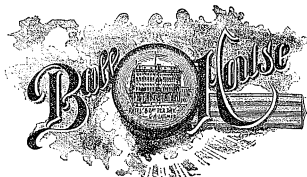
my dear Mother -

I suppose you think I am a very bad boy - if you do - it is true - for I am - I fully intended to go home Friday - but owing to some of my friends wanting me to come out here very badly - and stay a few days - I thought I would accept their kind invitation - so here I am - to-morrow I am going to Milan to see Aunt Marion - one of the principle reasons I came out here - I stopped off at Norwalk on the way here - and found to my great surprise - that there was no one here except Mr. Poyer - and still further he told me what had happened - probably you know - I never felt better in all my life than I do now - I have not had a headache for over a month - and it is so



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strange for me to feel the way I do now - I feel like throwing up my hat with joy - I was under the impression you were at Chautauque - until Mr. Randolph wrote me - You remember writing me - that you were going last Tuesday - Have you given up the trip - or do you intend to go later? I have so many lovely things to tell you Mother about our camping trip - I will wait until I see you - rather than write them - perhaps when I return to Orange you will be gone - I will be disappointed in not seeing you - but if you do not go before Thursday - I will probably see you - as I expect to be in Orange then - give my love to all - and accept my sincerest love



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yourself- Hoping you are all well
as I am -

your loving son

Tom

Chautauque Assembly

My dear Mother.

You will probably be very much surprised to hear. that I am on the grounds - though I am stopping at Point Chautauque. I came to this place - where I have many friends. who are very much needed. just at present - to help me to cheer up - as my heart is now broken forever - otherwise I would not be here. for not for the world would I be any where - where I am only a trouble to you and all.

I have been enough for you already - and I will willingly die - before I cause you any more.

However it may please you to - have me say that I have taken your advice and now - intend to study for college - if I die in doing it.

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I am making arrangements now - and hope to begin to study the second week in August - September -

Until I finish my college course - you will very probably not see me. except perhaps you may see me there. But you will probably have no desire to.

I never was quite so low in spirits - as I am now. and it is better for me to rest a week or so. before I begin to study. and as I said above. I came here - to do it - and I pray to God He will help me - for my life is only a burden now. and a disgrace to you all.

Such is the reward I get - for trying to follow in the footsteps of a man - who I thought. was a model man - Hereafter I shall walk my own way. and God please help me yours sincerely

8-16-97 - 3.30 P.M.

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Thomas G. Edwards

Chautauqua
August 30th 1898

My dear Mother-

Your letter

was received - this morning -

The only reason I did not go
with you to Lakewood - was -
because it was very cruel
to me to bid you good-bye -
any way - and I thought it
would be just as well - if not
better to part from you here -
as down there - though I wanted
to go with you very much indeed.

As William suggested to you -
that its possible for me to
get into College - this fall -

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I object very seriously to this - as it will
necessitate my taking a special course - which
I have no desire to do - unless - it is out of the
question entirely - for me - to take a regular
course - and this remains to be seen -

My plans have not been definitely determined
upon as yet - but hope they soon will be -
however I will remain here until the 6th and
after that - I will let you know inside of a week
where I intend to go -

In one particular - "stubbornness" rules supreme
over me - and when I see with my own eyes - and

feel with my own feelings - that I have been a
disappointment to you - and in consequence
have wronged you in a way - no one can
make me feel different - no matter how hard
they try -

No please Mother darling - please do not worry
on think of me anymore - I love you too dearly
for this - and I do not deserve to be considered
by one who is so dear as you - you have been
too kind and have done too much for me already
and it is not right for me - to interfere with your
happiness - your happiness - that I envy so -

• Some day - perhaps I may look upon this world

a little differently - but that^s
day will be the day - when I
feel that I am one of you -
it may be months - it may be
years - God only knows -

Remember me very kindly
to all and believe me -

Your loving son

Tom

I will enclose a letter from father -
which will show you his views
upon my plans - or rather - idea of
entering some college -

If you will kindly return it I will be
very much indebted to you ^{for this would save}
The rest of the letter treats upon my ^{so many} ^{diamonds to me} financial position -

I told him I did not think I could
afford it - without some help - his answer
is enclosed -

Chautauque
September 11th 1898
Saturday - morning -

My dear Mother -

Your kind letter was received this morning. I am very glad to hear you are having such a fine time - and I am sorry I am not with you - but of course I would only be out of place anyway with you all - so perhaps it is just as well - there is no one to man the good times which you are all having - I am all alone here now - as will left for Orange yesterday and it seems very queer to be left all alone this way - but I am contented in the feeling - that I am no bother to anyone but myself - and I am willingly sacrifice any feeling of loneliness - for this pleasant knowledge - though queer as it may seem to you all. It certainly is very kind and sweet of Grand-ma - to wish me a visit at her home - and I appreciate it very much indeed - but I cannot for the whole world - "having been what I have to you all." I feel that I could allow myself such a pleasure - when I know I have no right to enter into the home of one so dear and kind - I shall face this cruel world alone - and do the best I can - but I know - as well as I am writing this - that in the end - I shall not be what you expected of me - I've lost a great chance - and now I must suffer for it.

I shall study hard this year - and try to get into College next fall - When I finish College - I will try to get a position some where - and as long as I can manage to get a little salary - enough to live on and be comfortable - I shall live the best of my days - as contented as I can - for I expect more and I hope my friends will forgive me - if they are disappointed in my life - for I ^{will} always do my best - to please them - but it is very unfortunate for me - being so young - that I should have for my life companion - I fear - unhappiness - to start with - I am spending my days here - mostly in studying - so as to be better prepared - when the time comes for me to buckle down to business - though when I shall leave here I cannot tell at present -

I had a piece of bone broken in my left elbow - and at present it is very painful - but as it is nothing serious I do not worry over it - I cannot move my arm yet - but hope to soon -

Pardon me mother - but if I did not value father's words so much - I would not ask you - to try again - and enclose his words to me - in your next letter -
 Hoping to hear from you soon again - and kindly remember me to all -

I am as ever

Your loving and faithful

Tom

Chautauqua N. Y.
September 19th 97

My dear Mother.

Of course not having heard from you - I have no idea where you are - but suppose you are - by this time in Orange and to that place I will address this letter. I am still here at Chautauqua and expect to go any day now. Though exactly when I cannot state just at the present writing. I feel very much better now in many ways and hope to brace up in many ways in which it seems. I have drawn myself in. I have been trying to arrange so as to study in New Haven this coming winter so as to be near Will. But Will. does not seem able to make any satisfactory arrangements - and I am on the point of giving up this idea - in regards to going to Syracuse - which was my original idea - I have given this up for a reason. I think justifies me in doing so. You see Ed. Redington is not very strong.

and has not been for sometime - and as he has his regular amount of work to accomplish in the University - which is more work than he really ought to do - I cannot feel as though I should impose upon his kindness - to place more work upon his weak shoulders - though he wants me to very badly - Do you see Mother my plans - as to my future - have not yet been definitely decided upon - but I have several ideas in mind - which I sincerely hope will be all right - It would pain me very much to go back to Orange - and I express no wish to do so - and yet it seems very cruel to me - to have to part from you all this way - Hoping to hear from you - when you choose to write me - and favor me with your kind dear words - with love to all.

I am yours
affectionately,

Tom

Chautauqua - N. Y.
September - 27th 98

My darling Mother -

Your dear kind
letters were both received this
morning - one of them having
been forwarded from Akron - the
other having come direct -

I am still here at Chautauqua
but expect to leave any moment -
as I am waiting to hear from
Theodore -

Well - here comes the telegram now
pardon me until I read it -

x x x x x x

I have got to meet him in
Buffalo - to-morrow morning - so
everything is O.K.

I am very sorry to say Mother
dear that I am not feeling the

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best - I could - as I have simply
worried myself sick - but this
morning I feel much better in
every way -

Why do you worry about me
Mother darling? please don't!
I'll be alright - everything is
surely going to turn out al-
right - of course - I feel very
unhappy now - but something
tells me - everything is going to
come out - as it ought to -

No Mother - believe me - I never
can return to Orange - if you
only knew what memories it
would bring back to me - you
would not ask me to come
back - to that horrible place - and
please believe me - you above all
have absolutely nothing to do with
my feeling this way - no - indeed

no mother what - you could say to me to trust me -
would my love for you change - not in the world
for I love you too deeply for that - and I could
be and live with you always - but I am sorry
I feel no - livable in place - where your lovely home
unfortunately is - and where mine was -

It is very kind indeed of you dear Mother -
for you to wish to help me - the way you
do - and no one knows how much I appreciate
this -

Though I have not decided definitely yet - where
I intend to be this winter - but I am fairly
sure - about it - and will let you know later

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Until Wednesday - 29th inst. - if you direct
me as - to Hiss Inn - Fourth Lake - Old Forge N.Y.
your letters will reach me -
you need not be so particular about sending
father's letter to me - any time will do - for I do not
value them as I did -

Now Mother dearest - do not worry about me -
for there is no use of it - not in the least -
and it only hurts me more to think of it -
so please don't - just count me out of your dear
home for a little while - and every thing will turn
out alright - with kisses and love to all - I am
Auntie soon - devotedly yours Tom

200
Second Ave.

Belury Park

New Jersey

September - 29th 1898

My darling Mother -

I am sorry I have to bother
you so much. by writing so often. but I
love you so dearly. I cannot help but feel
I must write really Mother dear. it seems
as though I must see you soon - and talk
to you - and have you talk to me -
for not for the world - do I want you to
feel that I care any the less for you - for
treating you as I appear to do - no indeed
I am going to ask a favor of you - which
I hope will not put you to too much
trouble - there is a couple of pillows up in
my room - and some heavy underwear - I
believe - in one of the draws of the closet -
and if you see any old thing lying
around the house - that you do not -

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especially care for. and that you think
would make my room ^{more} comfortable. indeed
I would be greatly pleased to have them. as
I cannot afford to buy very much. and
I want my room. as comfortable as I can
get it.

Now Mother if you will put all this in
a box. I certainly will be very much obliged
to you. and please do not give me any
thing you want to keep yourself. only I
thought I would ask you. thinking there
may be something around. that would
be just the thing for a room.

I will let you know later. where to send
it. and be sure to send it. expressage
collect. by the way. If I am not mistaken
I am indebted to you. for a couple of express
packages. which were put down on your
books. if you will find out. how much
it was. I shall see that you get the
amount. dont forget this. will you Mother
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be very great.

The most cost comes in paying my tutor which cannot be had. for less than 2.50 a day - which seems an awful price. but still. they are good men. and can hustle a fellow right through. and that is what I want.

I only mention these figures to you Mother so as to show you. what I will have to do.

Of Course you are very kind indeed. to offer to help me along. and no one knows how much I appreciate it. but believe me Mother under no consideration will I have you help me - no indeed. you have been very kind to me - too kind in fact. already. and I do not deserve to be helped. I must work. that is all there is about it.

Well Mother dearest. I won't bother you by all this. and will close. Hoping to hear from you soon. I am yours
Tom S-4355

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Second Ave.
Soburg Park. N.J.
October. 8th 1897.

My dear Mother -

I thought I would
write and ask you if you
mind sending those things I spoke
about in a letter ^{from} a few days
ago - to the above address.

It is my intention to stay here
a little while longer than I
originally anticipated. and as it
is beginning to get quite cool
down here by the sea. it would
be better perhaps if I have something
warmer to wear.

I am not exactly sure if I have

though I would like to share my feelings very much.²

Perhaps you will be surprised to hear Mother
saying, I am going out - just in about two
months. If, all is well, and go into some
good college out there. Harvard. for instance.
and besides it is right in the mining, action
of this country. and I will have better chances
to learn.

In the same time I am going to study over
in the city. and hope to progress very rapidly.
After that of course I feel good bye to that
part of the country for some time is some extent.

any heavy endeavor. in Orange
or not. as I have no other way
of finding out: except through
you. and of course you do not
appear to want me to write me
very much.

I am very sorry Mother darling.
that I have caused you any
trouble. by asking you to do this
for me. and believe me it was
wholly unintentional.

If I thought for one moment it
would be a trouble to you.
I would never have mentioned it.
However it is, done now. and
cannot be helped. further
than to ask if you haven't
them packed already. not to touch
them. for I will buy some more.

perhaps an occasional visit: if I
can afford it.

If father thought that after I
finish college, he could give me
a position some where, I would of
course much rather work for him
and for his interests.

But, as this is out of the question
as he will never have any thing
for one who is considered by him
and probably others in his employ
as unintelligent. I have no consequence
given up all hope in this direction
and, as a matter of fact, if
she did offer any thing to me.
there would be a doubt as to my
accepting it.

To Mother. I was told to paddle
my own canoe, and I am going
to do it. I have been fooled
enough, and am beginning to
see a few things for myself.

I have been nervously - very kind
indeed - but - I am awash now.
and we will see what will
happen.

I feel very much better than I did.
The blues have entirely left me -
Did Madeline ever receive my
letter at Dixon? I never heard
if she did, or not.

I shall always write to you
darling Mother - no matter where
I am - for I love ^{you} much dearer than
you probably think I do, and
believe me if it was not because
of some cruel instances and
memories - I would certainly come
over to see you this very moment.
perhaps this will pass over before
I go west. so I must by all
means say good-bye to you
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and the rest of those I love
so dearly.

I could never forgive myself
if I didn't. I thank you highly of
you all for this.

Well Mother - I hope you will
have the time one of these days
when you feel you could devote
to me - a few moments - and
drop me a single word - anything
more - with my sincerest love
for you Mother darling

I am always
Your loving son.

HOTEL MINOT
272 WEST 126TH STREET
N. HUBBARD MILLER

96 Broadway

NEW YORK, October - 17th 97

My dear Mother -

To day is Sunday and I have just finished a little work down town - so I thought I would come up to the hotel and write a few letters -

I don't like Sunday some how everything seems so horribly quiet - something I do not like at all now days -

I have done nothing but hustle hustle for the last five or six days - and I am very glad to get a little rest - if writing letters is a rest - which it is - always to me it seems -

I am progressing beautifully

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HOTEL MINOT
272 WEST 126TH STREET
N. HUBBARD MILLER

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NEW YORK, _____

in my late venture - and fully expect to do an immense business. I might as well tell you what it is now as ever -

What I am undertaking is to establish and control the market in incandescent lamps - having at my disposal one of the finest incandescent lamps in the world -

I am not going to talk - but keep my mouth shut - but I am going to make a grand success of it - or take the fate that I deserve -

My new light is called the Edison Junior lamp - and the only possible way to appreciate

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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 126th Street

H. HUBBARD MILLER

New York

what a grand lamp it is - is
to see it yourself.
The immense business - I am
undoubtedly - can only be
gotten by the following figures.
The lamp is going to sell like
"hot cakes" - in fact I never
can fill my orders - for it is
simply remarkable.
I am now receiving twenty-five
thousand circulars - to all parts
of the United States - I intend to
have ten thousand agents on
commission - having offices in
all the large cities of the
United States.

The minute I give the word
to go - which I hope will be

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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 126th Street

H. HUBBARD MILLER

New York

wednesday or thursday - the
work begins.
The whole thing is under
my direct supervision - and I
will control the market of
the world or bust - I can do
it - and I am going to -
Grandfather was in my office
and he was over pleased
to see my new lamp. Of course
there is a great deal about it -
I am not at liberty to expose -
however I call it - my light for the
present - so I am in full charge
of it -
I expect soon to be able to decide
definitely if I can give Louis Robert
a position - but of course - it was

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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 125th Street

H. HUBBARD MILLER

New York, _____

and is my ^{my} attention to not
allow - and avoid having any
one of those of my immediate
family connected with this venture
of mine - for the simple reason -
that it is my desire to prove
to them - what I am capable of
doing - after you are all satisfied
I shall of course be very glad
to have any one of my relatives
connected with this business -

or any business I may incur
as I have several very valuable
things - which are - and will be
a great thing for the people of
the world -

(Now as I am starting out -)
might as well start out right
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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 125th Street

H. HUBBARD MILLER

New York, _____

You may doubt my word - but
of course you can do as you
choose in this regard -

I hope soon to have a number
of things going - though I am
going along slow at first -
where as I will need a great
deal of assistance - and nothing
in this world would suit me
better than to have my own
people run these things for me -
I will get them started - and they
can go ahead with them -

I shall first make some money
out of this camp business - and
eventually start up these various
things -

I want you Mother Darling to
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272 West 125th Street

H. HUBBARD MILLER

New York, _____

look upon me as an entirely
different young fellow. That
I used to be - and I shall
either make you feel proud
of me or die in the attempt.
If no one else in this world
thinks so but you - that is
all I want.

Your letter is still in my pocket
where it shall never leave -
except to read it - over again
if I can read it - though it is
almost impossible now - for it is
worn out - You remember the letter
do you not?

Well Mother I must close now
as supper is ready - so goodbye
With much love Always yours devotedly

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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 125th Street

H. HUBBARD MILLER

New York, _____

ammy

I wonder what father will think
when he hears about this?
He very probably won't believe it -
as is perfectly natural for him.
As far as I am able to find
out it won't injure him in
any way - which I wouldn't
want to do for the world -
but it is a case of dollars and
cents.

He will easily understand what
I am doing when he hears about
it - and it will occur to him
why he didn't think of this himself
probably he had - but he has a
wrong impression of me - then to
consider the adviceability of mentioning
it to me - However I am ^{going to} try asking some money for
it if I learn ^{time if I learn}

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GENERAL OFFICES:
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35 BROADWAY.

THOMAS A. EDISON, JR.,
EDISON JUNIOR "IMPROVED"
INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

NEW YORK CITY. *Oct. 18th* 1892

My dear Mother -

I am down in my office - just
now and I thought I would drop you a line
or two from here -

You must come in and see me some time
this week. for I will be very much disappointed
for I want to see you often - and my business
will compell me to stay right here all the
time - until I am started -

As I promised you - I would send you
my circulars - I have only one just now
as the others are not completed - that is they
are not printed as yet -

With love to all -

always yours devotedly

Tom

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55 BROADWAY.

THOMAS A. EDISON, JR.,
EDISON JUNIOR "IMPROVED"
INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

NEW YORK CITY, *October 21st* 1897

My dearest Mother -

Received several orders
for lamps this A. M. and are getting
along beautifully -

Your dear letter was received - and I
don't see a solitary thing in it that
should make me feel badly - no indeed
I enjoyed reading it very much indeed
I only have a moment -

Hastily yours

Tom

GENERAL OFFICES,
SCHERMERHORN BUILDING,
35 BROADWAY.

THOMAS A. EDISON, JR.,
EDISON JUNIOR "IMPROVED"
INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

NEW YORK CITY, *October - 25th and* 1897

My dearest Mother -

I thought I would tell you -
I just ran down on Wall street - and put
in a bid for ten thousand lamps - and
I am lower than any of them - and moreover
I was told I would probably get the order -
There has been about twenty-five men in
the office to-day - enquiring about the lamps -
and will probably receive many orders -
love to all -

Yours darling son

Tom

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EDISON OFFICE TELEPHONE, 5 B DOVER, N. J.
ORANGE " " 311 ORANGE.

EDISON, SUSSEX CO., N. J.,

Monday, November 10th 1890
Dear Mr. Edison
I have just received your letter of the 9th inst. and am very glad to hear that you are all well. I have been very busy lately and have not been able to stay longer at home. I am very much interested in the work you are doing at the Edison Laboratory and hope to see you very soon. I have been thinking of starting up the Edison lamp and have not been able to get it started yet. I am very much interested in the work you are doing at the Edison Laboratory and hope to see you very soon. I have been thinking of starting up the Edison lamp and have not been able to get it started yet.

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My dear Mr. Edison:

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear that you are interested in the work of the Edison Laboratory. I am sure that the results of our work will be of great value to you.

I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write you. I am sure that you will find the information I have given you of interest.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. F. Randolph

HOTEL MINOT
272 West 125th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

96 Broadway -

NEW YORK, Nov. 4th 1897

My dear Mother -

I was out to
Orange this afternoon and
intended to call - but telephoned
up to the house and was
told you had just gone out -
I only had a moment any
way - so I couldn't have spent
much time with you -
I am prepared to give a very
fine position to some good
capable man - there is lots of
money in it - for a hustler -
and I have had for some
time - Uncle Robert in mind -
who I think is well adapted
to handle the business -
But my mind has been very

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HOTEL MINOT
272 West 125th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

NEW YORK, _____

much changed of late - owing
to the reports that are circulating
around - that I am associating
with a lot of men - who are
scoundrels - and using me as
they please - which is I will
say right here to you Mother
that it is an untruth - and
a very great insult to me -
an insult - that will prove
serious to those who say it -
I have some of the best known
men in the country at my
side - and I have informed
them what has been said -
and I fully expect trouble - but
I hope they will leave Father
alone - for it is reported - he has

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New York, _____

expressed his opinion in this matter - though I don't believe or never will - that he said - what was reported to me - it's incredible - and besides he is my Father - one who I respect - and look up to - and know that he would not injure me -

I know what you all think - know it perfectly - to you all - my name is used in connection with this new incandescent - lamp - and I have no other connection with it - am I not right? of course I am - but this is your opinion of the affair - and I assure you

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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 126th Street

N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York, _____

it is not mine - if you desire to think this way - very well - I am not going to interfere -

But since my relatives all think alike - very probably - I have no desire to bring any of them in with me - for the simple reason - that they would be classed as second-hand and various other absurd things - having this objection - it would be a very great pleasure to me to have - Uncle Robert - or some of the others - fill some position that are at my command to - give them - but - I am sorry - I am sorry - that I cannot

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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 125th Street

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New York, _____

now -
 There are many people - who
 can fill the positions - and
 I have so far found it no
 bother - as a matter of fact -
 I have to refuse a great many.
 Only yesterday - I gave one
 of the best known men - in
 the New England States - the
 sole agency for my lamp
 for those states - he offered me
 a large sum for this - but I
 refused - for the simple reason
 that - I am not conducting my
 business that way -
 I wanted the money badly - but
 my principles of business must
 not be broken - I have my

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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 125th Street

N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York, _____

own ideas - and I am going
 to conduct them accordingly -
 The business itself is going
 along beautifully - and I
 certainly anticipate a great
 success - regardless of all these
 absurd reports - that are not
 even opinions - but assertions
 but they have no foundations
 whatever - they are talking about
 something they know nothing
 about -

However I am sorry that this
 has happened - for I am afraid
 my friends - are insulted - and
 will consequently cause trouble -
 They can all call me what
 they wish - but I am deeply

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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 126th Street

H. HUBBARD MILLER

New York, _____

sorry that my friends are concerned
in this low contemptible proceeding.
But - I shall write no more
about this matter. This only
worries you - it must - but -
please - allow me to put aside
that feeling you have. That -
I am in the hands of bad
people - you certainly can believe
me - if no one else in the
world can - and I hope you
will -

just as soon as I get this
started - according to my own
ideas of business - I am going
to study - and prepare for college.
I don't know how you feel
towards me - since these reports
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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 126th Street

H. HUBBARD MILLER

New York, _____

are going around - but - I hope
your interest and regard for
me - has not changed - if it
has - please - for my sake - do
not say so to me - it would
prove serious to me - I believe
for I love you - and think of
you too dearly - to lose that
your interest in me has gone.

Believe me always -

Your loving friend

Tom

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HOTEL MINOT
272 West 125th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

96 Broadway.

NEW YORK, November - 13th
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(My dear Mother -

Your dear and precious words came to me this morning - I was deeply afraid that you were not going to write me any more - but I see that I am not wholly forgotten - even if I am - a negligent son to you -

One who looks upon you and loves you as I do - can well consider your words precious - even if you write me every hour of the day - your letters would be for between - yes - ages - between each one -

But what is the use of telling you all this - knowing that -

HOTEL MINOT
272 West 125th Street
N. HUBBARD MILLER

NEW YORK, _____

It is very natural for you to doubt my affection towards you - for I do not treat you - like one who loves - no indeed - that is only too true - for you to feel otherwise -

But I can do no better - I try - but it is quite useless -

No matter how busy I am or where I am - I always set aside a moment - when I think of you and little Madeleine and dear little Charles - every day - and many times during the day - do I think how happy and contented you all are - and it makes me very happy in this lonely thought - a thought that lasts

HOTEL MINOT

272 WEST 126TH STREET

H. HUBBARD MILLER

NEW YORK, _____

but a moment - but rules
 supreme over my heart - while
 it lasts -
 That letter - that has never left
 its sacred place - nearest my
 heart - binds me nearer and nearer
 to you darling (Mother - I don't
 know why - but it does -
 I always felt that you had
 very little interest in me until
 that letter favored me with a
 call - a call that shall never
 leave my memory - a visit that
 compels me to acknowledge I was
 mistaken -
 I am told quite often by my
 father - that I am very impatient
 and I do not doubt it - in

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HOTEL MINOT

272 WEST 126TH STREET

H. HUBBARD MILLER

NEW YORK, _____

the least - but hope you will
 pardon me Mother darling if
 I appear so to you - while I am
 trying to change -
 But it is a difficult matter
 to change one's nature - in a short
 time - and it may take a very
 long time before I get so that
 my methods and ideas are
 practical in the eyes of some
 but I shall go on trying
 just the same - for discouragement
 shall never from now on cross
 my path -
 I am having an actual taste
 of life in this late adventure of
 mine - and how dreadfully
 insignificant we all are

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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 126th Street

N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York, _____

any way - you cannot realize it until you are out in the world - as I am now - Mother darling - this business - yes - I may say - any business of this character - is conducted on principles that - are in the eye of an honest man - is scandal - one mass of untruths - and worked by men - who are honest - at home - but - A I have in the field of business - I catch them every day - trying their best to down me - by telling lies - they succeed some times - because I do not lie myself - I have only told one or two lies -

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HOTEL MINOT

272 West 126th Street

N. HUBBARD MILLER

New York, _____

so far but I plainly see - that I will have to continue - which is hard - I assure ~~you~~ ^{you} - Every man is for himself its seems - and they have no regard for a single soul except themselves - But its a great experience for me - it is simply grand - My inability to cope with men of experience is a great trial for discouragement - but it will ~~soon~~ ^{soon} - I am sorry I cannot be with you to ~~stay~~ ^{show} - it seems so awfully long since I have seen you - I feel I must see you soon - Give my love to all - & write soon again - yours

5-4405- Tom

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2047- New York City
7th ave - November - 27th - 98

Mother -

Thinking it best
to tell you - more as a duty
than to seek for any sympathy
that - I am ill - at my
rooms -

I have not been in the
best of health - since a
week ago - but - I do not
care to expose the real
reason - of my sickness.

to me - you all will feel better³
satisfied -

Please don't come over Mother I am
in very good hands - and my
friends will - if I am unable
to keep you informed as to my
condition -

My business is temporarily in the
hands of Mr Owen Conley - until
I am able to attend to it myself

though I do not hesitate²
in saying - that a great
deal is due to my
continually worrying over
the treatment - I have received
at the hands of my
family - since I have
been in business -

I have been greatly disappointed
and I am very much
afraid it will prove
very serious to me -
However I do not care
to say any more - only I
sincerely hope - that if
this does prove serious

but if any thing happens to me -
he will go on with it.

This is undoubtedly a surprise to
you (mother - but its no surprise
to me - I anticipated it long ago -
I knew all along that I could never
stand - the little virtue you have all
taken in me - and unless it changed
I would worry myself sick - which I
have unfortunately - and it may

turn out very bad for me.⁵
Please don't say anything
to father about my
being ill.

Any word you wish
to send to me - address
my room -

With my dearest love to
all those who care for
me a little -

I am for a little while
winger -

Your affectionate son

Tom

GENERAL OFFICE:
SCHERMERHORN BUILDING,
88 BROADWAY.

THOMAS A. EDISON, JR.,
EDISON JUNIOR "IMPROVED"
INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

NEW YORK CITY, ~~January~~ ^{9th} 1893

My dear Mother -

If I should write you every time I want
to - your waste-basket - would always
be very full. I assure you -

I just came back from Northampton,
Mass - after seeing a young lady safely
at college -

On my way back I intended to stop
off at New Haven and see Will - but
unfortunately - was detained - in Springfield
on very important business - until
it got so late - I thought I had better
come right back to town -

I would consider it a very great pleasure
to have you come over to-morrow evening
and go to the theatre with me -
I will see if Theodore can go with us so
he can accompany you back to Orange
as I have got to go away - early Sunday
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NEW YORK CITY,.....189

Morning to Washington -
I will meet you at Christopher Street at
any time you appoint -
Will see Theodore this evening - and see if
he can go with us -
Kindly answer by messenger - your
decision - so I will know immediately -
lovingly yours

Tom

2047-
7th ave. New York City-
January 10
1918

My dear Mother-

I intended
to drop you a line before
but somehow - I have been
exceptionally busy of late and
hardly have had the time
to write any personal letters.
I never was quite so busy
in all my life as I am
just at present -
I was coming out the other
evening - but found I had
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conducting - which I am glad to say
is more important than the lamp
business.

I have^{also} just been elected as one of
the committee for that great Electrical
Exposition - which is to be held in
Madison Square Garden next May.
and I am working on some
plans for it now.

Also I am to read a paper on the
Incandescent lamp before the Electrical
Society very soon - and I am working
hard on this paper -

to go away unfortunately.²
when I asked you to go
to the theatre with me
Thursday evening. I didn't
expect that anything would
interfere with my doing so.
but have since found
out to my disappointment
that it will be quite impossible.
I sincerely hope you will
excuse me - and that I
will be able to go some
other evening -
The incandescent lamp business
is going along very nicely -
also other work that I am

These to-gether with my regular⁴
business keeps me bushting all the
time - as you can perhaps imagine -
I hope soon to be a member of the
Society of Electrical Engineers - and I
am working hard for this hour -
so far to-gether with several prominent
members - ~~some~~ of friends - I am going
to do it - which is very encouraging
indeed -

I notice by the Journal that father
has invented flying machines and
etc. to attack Mars - and a story

is to appear this week⁵
entitled - "Edison's Conquest
of Mars"

Very probably, ^{he} is not aware
that such an article is in
existence - but it is creating
quite a stir ~~over~~ ^{over} in the
City nevertheless - as I hear it
talked about - a great deal.

People come right in to my
office - and ask me if it
is true - and if I have any
thing to do with it.

The papers have wanted
me to give them permission
to print a story about me.
but fortunately I shut them

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was a little while ago -
To-day is my birthday - though it
is hard to believe I am twenty two
years old. - less of all. that to-day is
my birthday - it hasn't seemed so
to me -

I can think of nothing more to
write just now - but will get
with again until I hear from
you -

By the way - William said he
would send over a few things

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up immediately - so I suppose
not getting any success
out of me they were bound
to write something - so they
started on father -
However he is able to stand
it - I am not. The trash
that came out about me
sometime ago - made me
very tired and disgusted -
but I soon headed them
off - and we shall hear
no more about it.
You wouldn't know me
now days mother - with
my high sikhhat - and etc -
I look at myself - and wonder
if I am the same man!

for me - as he must to have forgotten^d
it - I thought I would ask you again
to kindly see that they are sent - my
pillow anyway - as that I consider
very close to me -

If it is too much trouble - I will
send someone over and you can
tell him where it is - and he will
deliver it to me -

affectionately

Tom

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES

**CORRESPONDENCE BY
WILLIAM L. EDISON**

1886-1892

E

Harro June 13th 1888

Dear mamma and papa
O I am having so
much fun I wish
Tommy & the only
here Uncle Pitt gave
me a pair of mules
I drive them every
morning O I love

a lovely Colt I mess
ed it torn i have

a pig I will have
ten little pigs. I can
t write a long letter
for I have to go to

Wt. If I hope you
are all well good
bye love and kisses

to all, your loving
son Willie
Edison

[CORRECT DATE IS JUNE 28, 1886]

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Thurs June 28 1886
My dear Mamma. I
have just got your letter
O. Mamma I don't want
to come home so soon. I
I stay all summer. It
is so nice on the farm.
now I take a lesson every
day. Our school is under a
very large apple tree if
it is so hot. I will write to
4-3808

Tommy soon is he will
be Dottie will ~~once~~ is
going to get me a darling
little ~~pony~~ pony. I

will try to write a letter letter
next time I send mamma
and papa ten kisses

Uncle and Auntie send
love to all good by
Mamma

from your son

William Ledson

Glenmont

Mar 27 1887

My dear Mamma
Received your kind
letter Uncle is going to
get us a goat we are
getting along well in
school Mamma this is
Sunday Morning We are going
to Sunday school And we
have to hope And we go
to school every morning
We are very well and
happy

from your loving
son William
Edison

Sold By
J. M. L. L.
Edison

EDISON

Mr. Drummond }
Charles }
Diane
Nancy
Wm. L.
Hannah

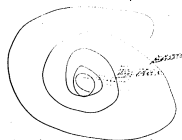
St. Paul School
Concord, N. H.
Jan 22 1874

Dear Mr. Drummond:

We are
well and having a good
time.

Mr. Drummond I said that
I did or do better in my
Latin and I am so
glad.

I hope all are well and
having a good time
The snow now is 35 feet
deep on the level and
some drifts are 7 feet high
I have not much
to say at 9



~~Madelena~~

~~Rhodes~~

~~_____~~

Stoughton,
July 13, 1890.

Dear Mamma

We are all
well and having a
good time.

Grandpa has gone
to Chautauqua to stay
over Sunday.

We are going to
Chautauqua before the
boys because they are
going out camping
on the 25 of July.

The barn is all built.

The boys have lights
in the house.

We were down to the
tennis court and I
think that tennis is going
out.

The green house is looking
very pretty.

I have not much to say.
I think I will close now.
Love to all,

Your son,

William Edison

We went to Sunday
school and church this
morning and it was
very nice.

Aunt Mary has a look
very pretty now.
She has the chair you
gave her and she has a
writing desk and a
marble slate and
many dainty things.

We have the little ^{one} that
we had last Christmas.

We are trying to be
good boys and do all
that Grandma wants
us to do.

St. Rule School
Sept. 14 1890

Dear Mamma:-

We are having
very a good time.

I am in the choir class
think it is very nice.

Every boy has had a
march except Marshal and
myself.

Please send the tape-writer
to me.

I have not had a letter
from any-body tell
some one to write me.
Tell Johnny to write me
and tell all a bout
the place and give him
the address and you

also, ^{with} All the boys want
to see my ship and
send it with the type-
writer if convenient.
Gave Baby Charles 10 kisses.
I will have to get to my
study now. Good by
your son

W L Edison

I hope that
Baby got his letter

(Po) write soon.

MacKenna and
one to uncle Rittl and
one to cousin Holzer

It seems funny
that I don't get
a letter. Dear write
every boy at first
gets many letters

Please send my ship
and type writer

Your son

W. Editor

I have to go to school now

St. Paul's School
Sept. 23, 1990

Dear Mamma:

Please send

our winter



and please write
a letter I feel a
little home-sick

I have written 4 to
you and a 3 to Papa
and one to John

going to bring²
the boat when I ~~come~~
back to school.
I hope Charles the
great is very
well and Imadeline
also.

We both send love
and kisses.

Your son

W. J. Edison

St Pauls School
Oct 3. 1890.

Dear mamma-

I am well
and having a good time
I am doing very much
better in my studies
and improving every
day

I love the water and
am making many
boats and sail them
When I come home
Christmas I am

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL
OCTOBER 15 - 1890.

DEAR MAMMA:-

We are well and

having a good time
I do not stand very high in
my studies but I will do better
next month.

Can you send my book called the
Animal Kingdom if possible.
You had better not send
the ship because it is too late.
If it would not be too much
trouble send the box of tricks.

The boys who I go with are
very lonely rainy-days and
I will amuse them by showing
them some tricks.

4-3768

I wrote you Tuesday but
some how it did not go.
I have it in the letter box
in one corner.

Give Charles and Madeleine my
kisses for me. And kisses for
you and papa. Your son

William Henry.



I am ²very busy practicing
for the bare and ^{Flourish}
I have got a swollen
leg from playing
football.

With love
and kisses
Your son

Edwin

St Pauls School
Oct 31 1890

All the Family:-

We are
well and having a good
time.

It is foot ball season
and they play very
much.

It is pretty hard to
keep up in the lessons
but I think I can pull
through all right.

St Pauls School.
Oct 31, 1890.

Dear Mamma:-

We are well
and improving very much
in our lessons.

Our Spanish wants me to
ask you if you want me
to take French or German.
I am out of shoes please send
me a pair or send me
the money and a few
stamps.

If possible send the Anna
Anderson of nice and the
Ricks.

Many boys want to see

4-3750

the book, I have been ²
telling them the whole
story.

On stormy days we
we practice running and
jumping in the gymnasium.

we

Every new boy is set
up and snow balls
are thrown at him.
Some of the boys are very
cruel. They made me run
the gauntlet and they
used straps and sticks.

We send kisses of love
your son -

W. Edwards

ST Paul's School

November 5, 1890.

Dear Mamma -

We are all
well and having a good
time.

I have not heard from
you in a long time.
The boys are all collecting
Stamps and if it is
convenient please send
the stamp album of Thomas
and it is in the the hotel
and Thomas the coachman
has got the key of house.
My black ink has given
out and I think I will

write in red ink.
I will try and beat the
head of the form.

But there is a boy with
was in the first form
for two years and he
is at the head of the first
form.

I wonder if the letter
I sent yesterday
reached you in which
Mr Spaniff wanted
to ask you if you wanted
me to take German or
French he would like
to know in a few days
I was every where
this morning.

When you write
the next letter please
send some lines or
scribbles of Madeleine
or Charles

Today we had ice
cream and it was as
warm as if it was
on the stove for some
time.

I hope Madeleine
and Charles got the
letter which I sent you
The study is just
closing and I think
I will close now
Send love to all.

Your Son
H. Edwin

St. Pauls School
16th 18 1890

Dear Mamma.

We are all
well and having a good
time.

We miss you very much
also Madeline and
Charles

I would like for Christmas
a safty bycicle or
a good engine that
runs by steem that
has a boiler and
engine.

I got a stamp like ²

this

W.L. Edison,
Orange, N.J.

W.L. Edison,
Orange, N.J.

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Orange, N.J.

W.L. Edison,
Orange, N.J.

I mark all y school
things with it.

The room where we study
is very splendid or nice
which is better English.
We have lots of
fun watching the
foot ball.

The following name ³
are the names of the
masters: Mrs. Galt, Paddock,
Mrs. J. Cady, Mr. Spang, his
brother, Elmer, Foster,
Paddock, J. Keler, Paddock,
Jordan, Dole, Brunley.

I thought you would like
to know these
names.

With love and kisses

Your son

W. L. Edison

W.L. Edison,
Orange, N.J.

St Pauls School,

Nov 14 1910

Dear Mamma: We are well and

having a good time.

We received the box
but we did not open it
we are going to tonight.

We will tell you if
every thing was all
right or a sec if
the over coats fits us
What shall we do
if the over coat don't

fit us? Shall we² send them each! and then ~~we~~^{get} will get the exact measure thing made of bark from a man in town for our room, if the don't fit us? I stood just where we have made a pattern holder out of bark for our ball of string and we have many little boats or canoes made of bark in the cake as you told which is filled with crackers and candy to boot at

Today I bought an
engine for four
to fool with and
the little thing drives
a saw mill that we
made. We keep
our room in good
order and think it
delightful but
I think you don't like
the way that I stand
in my lessons,
but I will do better
love and kisses

Your son
L. J. Simon

Mama and Mamma.



St Pauls School.
Jan 25 1891.

Dear Mamma:

We are well
and having a good time
I have something to tell you
that is nice, that I made
up my Latin and then
the gave me an examina-
tion in Latin and you
what do you think I did?
I passed in the latin
nation.

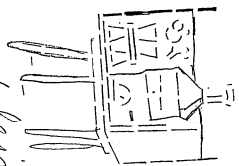
Every thing is well and
I will give you my well
Report.

I know I can get up in
my class if I study
and I will to please you

Am a Papa.
 I hope Charles is growing
 like he did when we
 are were home.
 excuse me for writing
 Charles - because I have
 to go to my lessons.

Send my love to all.
 Garrison
 H. J. Johnson
 St. Paul School
 Concordia
 N.H.

problem



Feb-19 1891

Wm. School
Concord N.H.

Dear Mamma:

We are well
but I have a very bad
cold.

You must excuse me
for such writing
for you can't write
good in bed.

We have not got a paper
for a week and a half.
Hope you had a good
time at the Reception
you gave.

Hope you will get
a better report this month
from me, your son

W. J. Edison
4-3750

St Pauls School.
March 6 1891.

Dear Mamma:-

I am a
great deal better, but I
am not allowed to
use my eyes.
I thank you ever and ever
so much for the Fr. mit.
Every thing was all wright.
Tom has got his castings
for his notes.

I havent lost much in
my lessons because we
on the 1st form was receiving
you must not trouble
yourself about the
sending of the stamp album

Only that I have nothing
to do and I thought
I would pass away the
time in putting in
the stamps

I send love to all.

Your Son

H. E. Edison

St Pauls School.
March 9 1891.

Dear Grandma:-

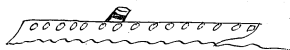
I am well
now and I am down to
study.
Ireland is out of 24 I went
up 4 in my examination
you must not worry about
this month because I
have had so much
absences that I will be
very low and I will
ask the Rector not to
mark me in my standard
I hope you got a better
Report this month.
I lost somewhere about

500 In Absences.
I hope J. time and Theo. will
Come up Easter.

I have to wear black
Glasses on a ~~constant~~ count
of the weakness of my
eyes

I must come to all

Your son
Edison.



St Pauls School
March 20 1891

Dear Mamma:-

I think I have
passed in SSadys History Geog.
English but I don't think I
passed in Latin you must
not feel bad if I don't
pass in my examination
because I have not been
to study or classes for
just one month last study
when if you come up
easter I must have a
Sunday I can't because
my Sunday suit comes
about 7 inches above my knee
and shows my Sarters

Your Son
W. L. Edgerton

St. Paul's School
Apr. 17/91

Dear Mamma,

If you can
find Papa's drawing room
Will you please send it to
me.

One of the ladies up here have
a son who has a very
valuable album of all
the Great Men of the World.
but he has not got paper.

Imad: a bad mistake
was. I said Cake in
stead of Cake on the
envelope of the other letter.

Hope you arrived
safely at Ebron.

I suppose Madeline is having
a good time with Charles.

In the letter you will
find a picture of the
School eleven = (basket eleven)

We send love to all

Your son

Edison

St Paul's School.
April 12, 1891.

Dear Grandma:-

We are well
and having a good time.
Do you think when you
write to papa you can ask
him to write his Aughtagraph
and send it to you and
you send it to me.

The birds are here and it
is very pleasant watching in
the son.

At Easter we had two
nice entertainments.

All the boys have their
bicycles and cones and
coats out.

It is getting late and it²
is near bedtime and
I think I must close my
letter

Your son

Mr Edison

St. Pauls School
Concord N. H.
April 23 1891

Dear mamma:

I am well and
having a good time
This morning they laid the
corner stone to the new
build which is the new
Lower School.

The whole school was there
I hope you will get better
markes this month.
Do not forget about the
monaplan.

It is the time for sailing
boats now and I wish
I had mine up here. I am
sure it would be the best
boat up here.

We are now playing on
the lower grounds now
They have a race track and
there are bicycle races every
day.

In about three weeks from
now we will have swimming
today we only had one lesson
on account of the laying of
the corner stone.

Hope you are all well
your son

Edison

St Paul's School
April 27, 1874

Dear Mamma:-

We are all
well and having a good
time.

When you write the
next letter will you
tell me where Papa is
because I would like
to get his monogram.
I hope Grandma and
John are all well, but
also the baby.

I would like very ²
much to see little
darling Charles and
Madeleine.
I suppose Charles is
very cute and cum-
ming.

I think I will close now
as I have to go to school
hands to all the masters

send love to
all

St Pauls School,
Concord, N.H.,
Sep. 24, 1891.

Dear Mamma:-

We are
well and having a good
time. Miller, 1st and 2nd
are in the choir now
and they sing very nice
Our umbrellas have
come and our hats
when will our bicycles
come. We are waiting
for them and we
expect every box that
they will come.
Papa working very
hard to get near the
head of my chase
Edison.

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St. Paul's School
Cambridge N.S.

Dear Mamma:-

We are well and having a good time. I did not stand very good in my class. The teachers marked the new fellows very easy this month.

I expect to stand 13 next month. I only lost 12 last week and I beat all the new boys.

I received the pinkest
and was very glad
to get it.

When are you going
to send the book rack
We are in need of a
book rack very much
We also received the
lamp and we are
and thank you very
much for it.

Your son

W. L. Egan

We send love to all
Oct 29/1891

St. Paul's School
Concord, N.H.
Feb. 22, 1892.

Dear Mamma:

I am well

and having a good time
Will you tell me the day
Tom is coming up.

We have only one bureau
in the room. and shall
get another one.

Tell Tom that he will
have to study hard because
the smartest boys are in
his division.

Do you think I had better
stay in the choir.
I would have more time
to study, but I am sure they
to be in the choir
Send love to all.

W L Edison

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St. Paul's School
Concord N. H.
March - 20/188

Dear mamma:-

I am well and so is Thomas. The holidays are on the 31st of May and I hope you will come up. If you do please let us know if you want Rooms at the hotel or rooms at a cottage near by the school. I think we could get two or three nice little rooms near the school in some cottage.

There is going to be some sports in the school for the 1st 2nd and 3rd forms and Tom is the best of all in putting shot pole vault

and a few other things and
you will sure bring home some
medals and expect to get one.
Hope you had a pleasant time
at Cousin Rogers and at Aunt
Peggy's.

Hope Marion is well and
the little Babies and all the
folks.

Remain for now

W. L. Edsion

P.S. Please send money for boat
as soon as possible

mommy

St. Paul's School

Concord NH

Aug 4th 1892

Dear mamma:

I thank you ^{very much}

very much for your present
of which I am highly pleased
My watch is just too nice
for any thing

My leg is all right and
my foot feels very nice
In the letter from
the Sorham Nuff com.

they said that they sent
in a rubber holder
but I did not find it
in the box.

My pen is splendid
and also the pen holder.

Send love to all.

Your son
W. Johnson

Please excuse my hand
writing because I have not
much time.

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES
UNDATED CORRESPONDENCE BY
WILLIAM L. EDISON
CA. 1886-1892

Dear Mamma -

Love & kisses -

Hugs & kisses -

Baby is real well

giving lots of love to
Daddy

~~Love~~

~~Love~~ and Mamma

- is very kind -

BABY

Dear Papa



8/8

BABY



W. L. E.

Dear Mamma:

I am pretty well and I
expect to get out in a day
or two. I went in town the
otherday before I got sick to
have my eyes tested and I
will have to have glasses.
I disposed of the dollar as
soon as I got it. I got with
it a cover for my canoe.
I hope you will have a nice
time in going to the theater.
It is a very pleasant day

but the wind is blowing and
is is very cold. I hope that
Tom is getting along all
right now.

Send lots of love to you
and all

Remain your son

William.



Dear Mamma:-

Will

you write and tell me.

Dr Kipps address in New York.

I will have to wear glasses.

You son

W. L. C.

W. L. E.

Dear Mamma:-
The

Measels have broken out again
up here. there is scarlet fever
all around us in a house
about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile a way a whole
family died. They have three
boys in the infirmary under
suspicion but they are doing
every thing to stop it. Will you
send up some meetes for
me to wear. I gave half
away to Tom and have
no good ones left. I think

I will half to get a new
suit in a little while.

It makes me happy to think
that I am going to please
you and father in my
studies.. Hoping that all is
well I remain you so

William Edwin

Love as answer.

Tell me Mr. Kiffs address
in Newark will you?

S. Paul's School
Concord N.H.

Dear Mamma:-

Yes I have.
to wear glasses because the Doctor
says that I must. Would you mind
sending up the some writing
paper and envelopes as I have
used all the paper I had. I trust
that the children will have no
bad sickness. I would like
to have a little party very -
much when I get home. Every
thing is going on all right
up here and I am getting
along all right. I do not reason
the future and I think that
it is very funny that I do not.

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Hoping that all is well I.
remain your son.
W. Edison.

S. Pauls School.
Concord.

Dear Grandma:

Yes I have to
wear glasses. I did not ~~know~~
do anything bad so that I should
not receive the fruit. The months
report is up and I stood seventh
by right but I dont take Greek
and I have a different attendance
from the other boys my record
is a mistake I only lost two.
and they take me down for 5 or 6.
This was a 6 weeks in this month
report. I received the Tribune for the
first time and I think that it comes
from the Office and love to all
I remain your son.

W. Johnson

St Pauls School
Concord N.H.

My dear Mamma :-
you
must not blame me
very much for not
writing because I had
the measles for two
weeks and I did not
have any writing paper
or stamps but I only
could get 1 postal card
and that I sent to you
I am so glad Marion

is coming home ²
I hardly can wait to see
her. What kind of
suits will we get the
lined black or the
fuzzy black?

We received the crackers
and etc and we thank
you very much for
sending them up.

Hope the children are
all right and you
send up a letter or
telegram telling us

when marion arrives ³
and tell us how
she is well.

are we to go right
on the Akron or

go home first and
then go to Akron

I think this is the
fourth time I have
had measles home
and at school

Do you expect anyone⁴
will come up and see
us at Easter, John
told me that Aunt Jenny
and Mr. Marvine are
going to get married
after Easter about ten
days

I hope Aunt Jenny (and Marvine)
will be well.

Send love to all
your son

W. B. Edison

you must excuse my writing
because I have no penholder

St Pauls School
Concord N.H.

Dear Mamma: I am
well and having a good
time. You must not worry
about Thomas. He has the
Chicken Pox and he was
laid down with it last
Friday. I hope I will
stand very good this
week. I will send you
the last weeks marks.

Latin 51-54 = 3 out

Geog = Perfect

History " "

Sacred Studies = Perfect 3

Arithmetic - 40-45 = 5

English = 24-27 = 2

To lost for the week
4-3006

We received the lamp
and we think it is just
splendid.

Here is my list of
Christmas things

Canoe.

or
Camera.

a larger portion to our
house.

a canoe I would like best
up here.

your son

Tom Edison

St. Paul's School
Concord N.H.

Dear mamma:

I have the
Chickenpocks and it
is not very pleasant
there is nothing to do
but stay in the room and
sit down.

Dear mamma would
you mind sending me
some oranges and
I would be very much
thrice to you.

4-3804

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expect to loose a great
deal in absence this
month I will lose
145 in absence this
month and that
would bring me way
down.

The lessons are very
hard and I takes ages
to learn. I only play
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours a day I study
all the rest.

I hope all are well
in Slenmont and

having a good time. ³
could you send
the fan which has the
picture of a lady in
a window and you
pull down to shade
by a string.

Thomas is through of the
chickenpoxes and he
is feeling all right.
I wish I was that way.

I send love to all
your son
Wm Edison

St Pauls School
Concord, N.H.

Dear mamma:-

I am getting
better and hope to be
out pretty soon.

I am ever so glad little
sweet Charles can walk.

Do you think that you
will get a sleigh for
madeline for the pony
to draw. I should think
the wagon would be
very hard to draw in
the snow. I only want
a little woden canoe
for christmas

Tell Johnny to take
care of my little
Babbie.

~~With~~ with love I all
your son
Jesse Edison.

St Pauls School
Concord
N.H.

Dear mamma:-

Dr Coit wants me
to ask if we couldent
give \$1000 toward the
building of the steeple
on the new church.

From W. Edwin
your son.

Hurry

Written in a post

told me to ask you.
It was about the money
for the chapel. He said
~~any~~ where between that

If we could ~~be~~ ~~would~~.
give about 2 or 3 hundred
^{dollars} ~~pieces~~ toward the staple
on the new chapel.

With love to all

Your son

W. E. Pison

St Pauls School
Concord N.H.

Dear mamma:-

I am well
and having a good time
I shall to study awful hard
to keep up in my form.

Dr Coit "I think is the funniest
man a going.

he said that he would
let me have an attainable
of 766. but as I got 666
because I did not take
grieks. but next month
will be all wright because
I take an other study.
wrote you a week ago
about what Dr Coit

I suppose she will be very
much surprised to see
Tom and I.
He has never seen Charles
and I suppose she will
be very glad to see him.

Hoping to meet you soon
I remain
Your son
W. J. Oliver

St. Paul's School
Concord, N.H.

Dear Mamma:-

We are
well and having a good
time. John says we need
about \$100.00 dollars to
go to Akron.

I hope Marion has arrived
and is well.

I hope you are well
and all the Children
including (Miss Marion)

St Paul's School
Concord, NH

Dear mamma:-

We are
having a good time.
The lessons are very hard
and I don't suppose I will
stand well this month
(next month March) I will
try and stand about
12th. Tom will help me
now in my studies.
Last week I lost only
5 residing my latin.
We received the phonograph
but the wires on the meter

send us a lot of
postage stamps
and postal cards

were all broken and we
had a terrible time to get
the right connections
John tried to fix it but
he gave it up and
a master by the name
of Mr Waterman
fixed it for us.

If you have any picture
hanging a round that
you donot want send
them up to us.

Hope all are well

your son

W F Edison

W. L. C.

S.P.S.

Dear Mamma:

Tom is
sick again and he wants
to come home. He is bound
to go home. I can't study.
and Thomas can't and
the best plan is to bring
Tom home. and you

are only wasting money
in keeping us up here.

You must think it is
very funny that I write
you so often but I am
so home sick and unhappy
and hate the place so that
I have to do something.

Send love to all.

Everami

Your son

William

W. L. E.

Dear Mamma:

I hope

you are well and having a good
time. Is Marion at home or.
at Munlo? if he is I wish you
would tell me. I am over at the
infirmary all the time.
There is nothing to do but skate.
and I donot like to skate.
I hope you will bring Tom home
because he cant stand it up
here.

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He wants to go home and
has bound to go.

send love to all.

Remain

W. H. L. L. L.

W. L. C.

Dear Mamma.

I wish

you would write me.

If you will write me twice
a week I will write you
twice a week too I hope.

Tom arrived safely. I
hated to see him go.

Is everything going on all
right at home?

How is Charles and Madeleine

are they well? When does -
fathers and Marions birth-
day come? I would like
to give them a little present
each.

I Hope you are well.

Send love to all

Remain you so
W. Hedison

W. L. E.

Dear Madeleine:-

I

hope you are well and
having a good time.

How do you like the little
school in the nursery. I

suppose you are glad to
see Brother Charles Tom.

I thought I would write
you a word because I have

been in doors all day.

Remain your brother

Will Edison

Patrick missed.
It's all just
night

W. L. C.

Dear Mamma:-

I am
very sorry because I said that
I would run away. I am glad
that Tom is going now because
I hated to see him so downcast.
I know that I will feel so
home-sick when he goes that
I won't know what to do. But I
will try to stick it out this term
and study hard. if I am un-
happy and home sick. 4-30-92

I have got a miserable little
alcove. You can just get your
bed and wash-stand in side it.
I would give all I have got.
Money clothes, house and every thing
to get out of this place. Do not
send Thomas back if I am
homesick and unhappy.

Send love to all.
Remain your son.

W. H. Edison.

W. L. E.

Dear Father:-

I am.

very sorry because I said
that I would run away
You don't know how hard
it is to ^{be} here. Your brother
leaving and your sister
who has been away three
years and has been at the
point of Death. I really can
not stand it up here. I do
not like the masters and.

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they don't like me.
I cannot study because
I am so unhappy
I remain your son.

Jr. Hedison.

W.L.E.

Dear Mamma:

I am awful

Homesick I did not think about
it until I got up here because I
was with you and near home.
I didnt think it so hard to
leave Tom and Nivaron
and you and all. I feel just
like I did when I came up
last time. It seems so hard
to come up here without Tom.
Well I havent much to say and
I guess I will close you are
yours &c
W.L.E.

W.L.E.

Dear Mamma:-

I do not.

feel homesick now because
there's lots of fun up here
now. Do you think Tom
will come up. I have got
the same alcove and have
got it fixed up all right
I found a spring-overcoat
in an old beanie draw
which I had over to the

2-3089

If you want to you can send
me some more ~~best~~ shirts
they are fine.

Infermary and I tried
it on and it was too
large. It must have
been Tom's. So I will send
it on to you and you
have Tom try it on.
I have just repainted my
Carse and it is a fine looking
thing. I painted it just as
good as new. I guess I will
close now so good by with
much love to you and all

Brennan
W. Addison

St. Paul's School,
Spartanburg, N. H.

Dear Mamma:-

I am well and
having a good time.
Will you please tell me if Tom
is coming up or not
If he is not coming up Mr
Coit will put me down in
the room with me.

Please send up that battery
battery and some games.
Tell Tom to take good
care of my Rabbits.

I want to know if I can
have a pair of snow shoes.
It is very desolate out up here
and there is nothing to do

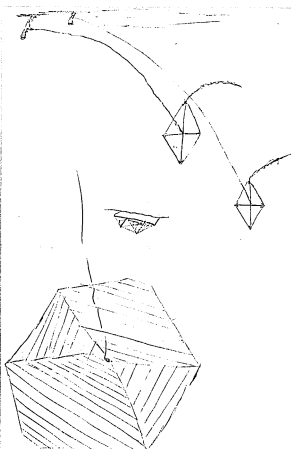
Did you get the letter telling
that I passed in all my conditions

I have ~~got~~ had only 1 letter
since I came up here

And love to all

Your son

W. L. Edson



St. Paul's School,
Concord, N. H.

Dear Mamma:- I am well
and studying hard.

The telegram came to late
and the trunk was broken open
Saturday and I got the telegram
of Sunday.

I passed all my examinations
History, Latin, and Arithmetic
Just think I had not been
over much and ~~am~~ I came
10 of getting Perfect. I got
88 out of 98. 99 is the aim
It is too bad I had to break
open the trunk. but I

had no clothes to wear on
 Sunday. Tell me how
 soon will Tom be up here
 he is in the same study and
 has got a very good seat
 tell him that will you?
 I got the desk and it is
 a very nice little desk.
 We have only one bureau
 and my clothes and
 collars and cuffs and
 underwear takes up the
 three draws. Shall I get one
 with three draws. a little
 one and it will be just
 like John's. without looking
 glass

I must close now

Yours Son

W. H. E. L. E. E.

St. Paul's School,
Concord, N. H.

Dear mamma:-

I am very
homesick and I do not believe
I can stay up here much
longer if Thomas does not
come up. John tells me that
he thinks Thomas is not coming
up this term. and I feel like
crying my eyes out.
you do not know how it
is to part from a brother whom
you have never so long as
five months been parted.

I feel so bad I do not what
to do. I think I will close

W. B. Davis 4-3-93

St Paul School

"Dear Mamma:-

I am very,

unhappy and miserable.
I am crying all the time
and if Tom does not come
by Saturday I am coming
home. Because I can't stand
it I am very unhappy.
Dr Coit thinks that I can
come home because I ^{have been}
in the infirmary every hour
since I have been here.
From your son,

William

1885

St Paul's school,
Concord, N.H.

Dear Mamma:-

I miss Thomas
very much and it feels queer
to me to sleep in the room
alone. I am no more called
Edison²⁰ but just Edison.
Because I have no brother here
now. I hope Madeline has not
been very ill since you have
been away. I have done all
my lessons for today and all
for Saturday. I get five in dec-
an and 9 in punctuality and
industry. I have been perfect in
I have only two minutes to finish
my letter in as it is study hour.

are you going to send us
or at least me the books each
order.

I have not much more to say
and I think I must close.

From your son

Low Edison

St Pauls School
Concord N.H.

Dear Mamma:-

I am well
and Having a good time
I write letters often because I
feel sort of homesick and
I feel better when I write you
I hope you have arrived and
all is right. Also Hope Thomas
is all right and has not
got the headache.
You have left his Catechism
and I will send it on to him
Hope baby will not be sick by
his vacation

I have Just come out of

Chapel and Isang in
a Quartette.
From your Son
Tom Edner.

W. L. C.

Dear Mamma:

I am
very homesick to day. It is
snowing out side and
there is nothing to do.

It is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep
and that is a good deal.

Has Tom gone to Odgersville
yet or is he at home?

P.S. Lots of love
for you and all
the people

Received Madeleine's
letter and tell her
I will write her in about
a day or so. again.

Was it a joke when
she said that she was
going to have to scarlet
fever? I suppose that
you wrote the letter for
her. Hoping that all is well
Brenan W. Hudson

W. L. E.

Dear mamma:

I
hope you are well and
having a good time
I have not had a task
to do since I came. I am
waiting for a letter and I
want one very bad. When
does Tom go to Ogden?
I guess I will write you every
day. Has ~~as~~ father gone to
Ogden yet? Hop all are
4-25-58

well at home and. have
a good time.

Remain your son

W. J. Edison

W. L. &

Dear Mamma:

May I come home.
And go to a public.
School or any school.
Near home. I cant.
stands it up here.
If you want to put me
out of misery you will.
say yes if you dont
you will say no

school. without uttering
a word. but I cannot.
stay here. I have no boy.
friends up here and I don't
want to have. Do not send
Thomas back under any price.
I hope he shall be better at
work that up here.

~~Hope~~ I hope you
are well and having a
good time I remain your

son

J. P. Edison.

There is a school
in Trenton^{NJ} which w.
a very good school
Every body has a room
and there are two boy.
up here who came from
there because they were
wanted nearer home and
they say it is a better
school than this. If I was
nearer home I could come
up once a month and see
you and all the people.
I would go through that

W. L. C.

Dear mamma:-

I am.

very unhappy, and I am not
going to come up to school
next term because I can't stand
it. I am going to stand it.
But this term, I rather be in
prison that up here. I do not
like the masters up here.
and they do not like
me.

12 4 18
I have personal reasons²
~~to~~ up here.

If I could go to ~~Andover~~
~~& Andover~~ ~~to go~~ ~~I would~~
I should be perfectly happy.

I have made up my mind.
that I am not going to stay
up ^{any} longer. I will have to come.
up next term I will
run a way.

The sayings of some men³
hurt my feelings. and I
do not like it.

Hoping that you are well

I remain

Your son.

W. L. L. L.

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1893-1897

HOTEL ATHENAEUM,
CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y.
W. A. DUNCAN, Secy.

Chautauqua, N. Y., ... 1893.

Dear Mamma,

I am well and having a good time. My canoe was nearly rotten they left it in the house all winter but I am having it fixed. When those two weeks of mine comes from Brooks that were to shoot will you please send them on to me. I will take 3 weeks for them to fix my canoe and don't you think I could get a 25-hour ticket from the boat. The water is simply out of sight and I only wish that you were here to enjoy it. Well I have not much to say but some is better than none.

With all good by
You son
W. A. Duncan

52 Lafayette Avenue,

New Brighton,

Sutton Island, N. Y.,

Nov 2. 1894.

My dear Mrs Edison.....

When William
went home last week, I
requested him to ask Mr. Edison
if he could find it convenient
to grant me a few minutes
interview as I wished to con-
sult with him in reference
to William. William brought
me a reply to the effect that
he left all such matters to you.
I knew that all transactions
had previously been made through

you, and it was by no means ² to ignore your authority or mediation that I made the suggestion, or that I wished to force my presence upon Mr. Edison — very far from it. It was simply to ask him to do what would be very easy for him but probably more difficult for you — to cooperate with me by addressing some words of reproof and caution to William, and to explain the difficulties in the way of preparing him for college according to Mr. Edison's wishes. It is impossible for a teacher to effect any change for the better in a boy's moral character unless he

has the full sympathy and earnest support of the parents; and I wish William to understand that I have this. He has excellent qualities of mind and heart, but they are obscured by certain defects. He is careless about his person, his clothes, and in the preparation of his work in school, such as his writing, the preparation of his exercises, the execution of his lessons. He is listless and idle, and this sometimes approaches disrespect. It is idle for him to say that he means nothing by it, and that he can not control his temper, for he must acknowledge that I treat

kind with perfect courtesy and calmness, and that I never imitate him even when I reprove him. Furthermore he takes upon himself to find fault with the lessons I give him as if I did not know better than he of what he is capable, and what is necessary for him to learn. On these three points, I would be glad to have you urge him to amend, as I am constantly doing. They are the faults of a child, and he must express them in order to cultivate dignity of character.

I understand that Mr. Edwards desires William to enter the

classical college at Cornell, but he ^{Dr. Theophilus B. Young,} ~~does not~~ ^{wishes him to} study Greek. ^{New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.}

Now at Cornell, all the candidates whatever course they choose must be prepared in:—
English Grammar, Geography, Certain English Authors, Physiology, Arithmetic, Plane Geometry, Elementary Algebra and American History. These are the principal courses, and in the preparation for these the following additional requirements are essential. The first is the regular course in the Classical College and leads to the degree of Bachelor of arts;

the second is the School of Philosophy
 and it confers the degree of
 Bachelor of Philosophy; and the
 third is that which leads
 to the degree of Bachelor of Letters
 or of Science. I will tabulate those
^{admission requirements}
 Classical College; College of Philosophy; School of Science.

Greek { English French Latin	French } or German }	French } or German }
Latin { English French Latin	Higher Mathematics } History { Success Rome	Higher Mathematics } or Latin - Caesar }
Univ. Lang.	Latin - Caesar	

I think that the College of Philosophy is the best thing for William
 as it includes all the studies of the Classical College except
 Greek - but, of course, that is for you to decide -

I am sorry to trouble you with all this, but I felt that
 I must lay the matter clearly before you. I am much

pleased to have Thomas back
again, he is working splendidly,
and he will soon have made
up what he has lost. I suggested
to him attendance on the
gymnasium I mentioned to
you but he does not seem to
like the idea.

I enclose a description of
your beautiful picture, which
I promised to you - I beg you
to excuse the delay -

With kindest regards to
you and to Mr. Edison,

I am faithfully yours
J. M. Hawkins.

Diary of <u>M. L. Edison</u> <u>Oct 11</u> 189 <u>8</u>													
For the week ending													
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Diary of _____

For the week ending _____ 18

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TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
82 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.

Oct 21. 1895

My dear Mrs Edison.

I received your
note this morning in which you
mention the request William has
made about studying in his room
and in which you submitted the
matter to the decision of my judgment.
William handed me your note
just as I was entering the school
room for my duties, so I had not
a moment to discuss the matter
with him, but I was obliged to
tell him briefly that I could permit
no such arrangement. Whereupon
he became very much excited and
threatened to leave the school, and
he actually did go away this morning.

I have always granted William² such privileges as accord with his welfare and the prosecution of his studies, but when he asks what would in my opinion be highly disadvantageous for him I can only firmly refuse, nor can I yield to any request whatever accompanied on his part by a threat. I feel assured that I have the sympathy of yourself and Mr. Edison when I take this position. I believe that when a boy is being prepared for college, he should be under the constant supervision of his teacher who is thus able to direct his work, give him proper explanation and advice, and see that he attends properly to his duties. My experience has so firmly persuaded

me of this, that it has become³ one of the principles which I have laid down for my own guidance. Boys are not naturally fond of supervision, but I think that the very best boys derive advantage from it. The benefits which he is supposed to receive from me flow directly from it. I know that William is fond of freedom in this respect, but I fear that he has not arrived at the point where self-control would enable him to use freedom properly. He complains of inability to fix his attention on his studies in the class-room where recitations are being conducted, but I have not perceived so far that he has had much difficulty in this; besides a comparatively small portion of the

school session is taken up in⁴
studying; the principal part of
such work is done in the study-
hour after 5 o'clock P.M. and in
the evening after dinner. There are
other considerations:- the school
room is spacious and well-ventilated
and is a much better place for him
to sit than his bed-room which is
comparatively small. I shall not
dwell on William's character and
disposition on which I spoke at
some length at our last interview.
The consideration of this would form
a strong argument in his case as to
what he would do if he were allowed
to pursue his studies alone as he
proposed to do at Chataqua.

I thank you sincerely for the force
and purport of your letter; I have not

doubted for a moment that I⁵
would have your and Mr. Edwin's
support, though I have written
at length in order to lay before
you my motives in declining to
accede to this request. I asked
William if he had seen your
letter and he told me that he
had, but he certainly could not
have comprehended it, or he would
not have taken such hasty and
violent action in leaving my house
without permission or even bidding
us good-bye. Indeed I may mention
to you, in confidence, that William
has exactly allowed himself to be
led into assuming this attitude,
by another pupil who made the
same request last week and who is
himself a conspicuous instance of

had the privilege of studying alone
to his own detriment. I have been
much pleased with the manner
in which William has studied
so far this year. I enclose his
report for the last two weeks. It
was my intention to send you detailed
reports of his progress. I gave him his
diary when he went home on
Saturday evening but he did not get
it signed. Although I am willing
to overlook William's impulsive action,
I am deeply grieved that he should
show so little confidence in me
as to think that I did not always
act in his interests and not in my
own. With the kindest regards to
you and to Mr. Edison;

Faithfully yours

Jonas Harkins 4-3890

New Brighton Nov 2. 1895

My dear Mr. Edison:-

Enclosed William's
report for the past week. He
has been much troubled with
the toothache which has made
him lose a few lessons. I think
if you will send him word
that he must make an ap-
pointment with his dentist
for next Saturday, it will.

prevent such interruptions²
on the future. He does not
like to give up his Saturdays
to anything but amusement,
and this has prevented him
from going before, while I
do not like to have him
away upon a school day.

There is another matter:—
on the last Christmas holidays
the boys made me as usual

a little present, and entrusted³
to William the purchase of it.
Uncertain what to get, they
finally decided on a sub-
scription to Harper's magazine
and to Munsey's. It is now
November, the eleventh month
and the magazines have not
been sent to me. William told
me that the order was sent

to Harper Bros and to
 Messrs by the book-keeper
 at the Laboratory and he has
 promised to investigate the
 reason why the books have
 never been sent. I would not
 mention the matter except
 on William's own account
 for he is notably careless about
 such matters. I congratulate
 you on Thomas's safe return.
 Please to give my love to him.
 With kindest regards to you & Ellen
 Sincerely yours W. L. Edson

Diary of W. L. Edson
 For the week ending Nov 1 1890

	1-PRISON.	2-IND.	3-PAROLE.	4-PRISON.	5-IND.	6-PAROLE.	7-PRISON.	8-IND.	9-PAROLE.	10-PRISON.	11-IND.	12-PAROLE.	13-PRISON.	14-IND.	15-PAROLE.	16-PRISON.	17-IND.	18-PAROLE.	19-PRISON.	20-IND.	21-PAROLE.	22-PRISON.	23-IND.	24-PAROLE.	25-PRISON.	26-IND.	27-PAROLE.	28-PRISON.	29-IND.	30-PAROLE.
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Corrected W. L. Edson Examined, _____
 Teacher, _____ Parent, _____

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In reference to the matter²
about which you wrote to me,—
it has been most annoying to me
and almost impossible for me
to investigate. It has never left
my mind, and I have actually
written you several letters about it
which, on reflection, I concluded
not to send to you. The aspect of
William's conduct is not in my
opinion so unfavorable when every
thing is considered. He is chiefly
to blame for carelessness and
procrastination. He does not
know how much money he rec'd
or how much he spent. He should
have told me the conditions of things.

52 Lafayette Avenue, Dec 20, 1895
New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y.

My dear Mrs Edison:

In sending
you William's monthly report
and the marks for his monthly
reviews, I must express my grat-
ification at William's application
and at the excellent spirit which
he has shown during the past
months. He has fairly astonished
me, and I am sure that he has
firmly determined to give up his
old careless ways, and bend all
his energies to his work. He really
deserves your commendation.

The hotel is not open
but I have a room Wed. 19.
there and you must
exercise paper as it is the '95
only piece I can find

Dear Mother:

I must say that

We are dandies we had to wait
at N.Y. five hours for the same
fine as the train that left at
7:15 only went to Elmira which
is not on the line to Chautauqua

I have had my canoe fixed
up and it will cost \$9.00

My board at the Indiana 6.00 one week
and my allowance 4.00
19.00

And after this week I can live
for 1000 dollars a week as
my canoe will be paid for.
Chautauqua is as fine as ever
and I am having lots of fun
Hoping you are well

Hoping you are well
P.S. will you try and pass the money by Saturday
by Saturday

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I write to enquire whether I shall
refuse to advance him money, or
allow him to have small sums
from time to time.

William is doing his work very
well indeed at present. He studies
well, and his last review was quite
satisfactory to me; but his conduct
has not been so creditable, - he has
shown considerable ill-temper on two
occasions during the past week, when
I had occasion to reprove him sharply,
for pious conduct in the school-room.
With kind regards to you and
to Mr. Edison,

Faithfully yours
J. M. Newson

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52 Lafayette Avenue, Feb. 25, 1896
New Brighton,
Sutton Island, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Edison: On the 1st inst.
William informed me of your wish
that his allowances be paid monthly
instead of weekly as heretofore, and
accordingly, I paid him \$16 as his
allowance to meet it. I believe that
he spent his month's money in a
week, for he is now importuning me
to advance him money. I may also
inform you, in confidence, that he has
known quite heavily from his school-
mates. William has a talent for spending
money. Whatever amount he may have, he
may be trusted to get rid of it instantly.

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TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
22 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
NEW BRITAIN, STATE ISLAND, N. Y.

Aug 8, 1896.

My dear Mrs Edison:

I was away
from the Island when your note
arrived and I hasten to reply. I
am very much surprised that
William passed ^{me} only 8 out of 14 sub-
jects. From what he told me, I thought
that he had passed ^{me} a larger proportion.
It is my opinion that William
ought to make a strenuous effort
to enter this fall, by all means. He
can certainly do it if he wishes, and
he should lose no time in getting
to work. I should like very much
to know what subjects he failed
in. He had covered the whole

ground in preparation, and ²
received everything, but as you
are aware, the examination is quite
an ordeal for any one to go through.
I trust that William will not put
off getting to work - he is very much
inclined to procrastination when
there is any amusement in view.

I trust that you and Mr Edison
and the children are well. Please
to give my love to Thomas and
William.

Faithfully yours
J. M. Hawkins.



TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
82 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.

Sep 17 1896

My dear Mrs Edison:

Having received
no reply to several notes that I have
written to William, I have felt con-
siderable anxiety about him, in
respect to his studies which he had
arranged to take up with me. Lately,
also, there has been an indefinite
rumor here on Staten Island that
he had met with a serious accident,
so that I feel quite concerned about
him. I hope, however, that the report
is unfounded and that he and you
and your family are quite well,

Sincerely yours,

W. Hawkins.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison.



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TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
52 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

May 27. 1897.

My dear Mrs Edison,

This morning William showed me a telegram from you requesting him to meet you in New Haven. I permitted him to go on account of your expressed wish, but I did so with great reluctance, because every hour is of importance to him and it upsets his work fearfully for him to take a day off. I can not see that the experiment of raising William's allowance has been very successful - he gets rid of his money just as quickly as when his allowance was \$3. Furthermore, the possession of six dollars at a time lays him open

to temptations that he would not²
think of, if he had a smaller sum.
I say this confidentially, for I imagine
that it would vex William if he thought
that I said anything of the kind
to you. William is doing very well
in his studies - he is now principally
engaged in reviewing. I think that
he will be well prepared by the
time of examination if he sticks
to his work. May I ask the favor
of a remittance of the whole or a part
of the balance of my bill by the first
of the month? I am sorry to trouble
you but I have heavy obligations
falling due shortly.

With kindest regards,
Faithfully Yours,
John W. Norton.
Mrs. Thomas D. Edison.

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DEPARTMENT OF ASSEMBLY.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Chautauque, N. Y. July 9th 97

My dear mother.
I arrived safely and had a very jolly time as I met Mr. Loomis who was on the train. Chautauque is the same old place, hasn't changed a bit. Aunt Cora is at the house and I have gone there till the folks come from Elmore. How much can I have for my allowance this summer

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Chautauque, N. Y.

I would like to do some things this summer while I am out here. One of my lessons is photography. I will also have to get a pair of glasses as my eyes trouble me quite a little. Don't forget to tell John Randolph to send me money so I can get it on Saturday. You must excuse me mother for mentioning

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Chautauqua, N. Y.

These things but it is
very nice to have a
little money with you
and I promise whatever
you give me to spend
it in a way it will do
me good and not to
spend it recklessly.
Give my love to all.
Your loving son
Will.

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and Chancellor's Assistant.

Chautauqua, N. Y.

Dearest Mother.

I hope you are well and having a good time. I just heard that Father shrouded his uncle. I hope that he will be all well in a day or so. I have stopped studying as it is too hard on me & will take my examinations this fall and will go to Yale next year. I am not coming back to Bowdoin's school unless you want me too. I would like to enter senior at Bowdoin which is strictly a prep. for Yale. I will enter Yale then with a whole crowd that I know. ~~the boys~~ have tried to get me 4-3747

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to go there. The fellows are all Yale fellows to say so. and if you have no objections I would like to go there, one more year won't hurt me as I am young yet. I would be worried to death about my exams (14) if I tried this year so I would like to take 3 this fall and 6 the next June.

Hoping you are well and Father is better & remain with love to babies you soon will

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Dear Mother: I came
out to see you on
important business
and was so sorry
to miss you
Mr Hawkins said
he could not let
me study in
my room and
as it is impossible
to study in school

It is no more than ^③ room ^② I will
letting me go to a wait for you to
public school write Mr. Hadden
as a go down this road of he'd let
Frank Weston me study in my
who came out this room where he
after noon with would have to
me is also at all the way
going to leave do so too.
because he can't
study either in his
room

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as ~~she~~ ~~is~~ is
desires to go
to Yale he is
~~going to another~~
place.

Hoping to hear from
you I remain
your son
Will.

mentioning it. You know I have been
thinking lately, a thing I very seldom
do, that I would rather go in business
than go to college. I am positive that
when I get to Yale I will be a little
wild. Of course every body is a little
wild when they are first put on their
own responsibility (that spelled correctly)
You know, down here, to a certain
extent, a freedom which you would
not find in many other schools, but
still you are held in check.

It would be all right if I had a strong
will power, but I haven't.
You don't think I do not want to go
to college. I most certainly do, only I
don't think I will gain much by it. I would like to have you tell
rather how my feelings are about
this. Of course you and father know
best. I will go by your decision
Give my love to the babies and to father
and lots for yourself.

Now and Mrs. H. send regards.
Your loving son

William.

STATEN ISLAND CRICKET AND BASE BALL CLUB,
BARD AVENUE, LINGHSTON, N.Y.

My dear Mother

Why do you

not write me? I haven't heard
a word for you for over a month.

Everything is going along nicely
I had a very joyful Thanksgiving
& ate two dinners so you see
I did not starve that day.
I was very much disappointed not
to have seen the Yale-Cornell
game. I intended to go, but I
could not raise up enough money.
Will you see about my club bill
I would like to have it settled as
soon as possible. You can take
it out of the money in the bank.
Please let money again I don't
believe I could live without it.

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that I
 think it very
 unkind of her not
 to answer my last letter,
 or even letting me not know of
 my Grandfather's death. You must write
 me and let me know how you are.
 For you know I love you very dearly and I
 would like to know that you do the same to me
 while, that you do. Tell mother that her picture
 was in the Herald last Sunday.
 I will come now as it is getting
 rather late.
 With love to all and
 love for yourself
 your loving
 sister
 Mary



TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
 62 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
 NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

My dear Sister and Brother.

I thought

that I would sit down and write
 you a few lines. I hope that you
 are not very sick. Try and be.
 brave, the best way to do is, that
 you must think you are not
 sick at all. and you wont tell.
 it half so much. Tell mother

The Gale,

J. E. HAIGHT.

Chautauque, N. Y. _____, 189

My dear mother.

You must pardon
me for not writing to you sooner.
I am sorry that I did not pass all of
my exams. I have just heard and
I passed eight out of fourteen, we had
to pass eleven. but what I did pass
on I got through so well that they
have given me a Preliminary certificate^{to}
so I have those eight exams off my
mind.. Now if you wish me to go
to Yale this fall then I will have to
take them all over again and my
certificate will count for nothing
Write me and let me know
what you want me to do.
I am having a splendid time and
I hope you are having the same. Your devoted
son will

he is gentle and can be driven 2
by any lady and a beautiful
saddle horse. The price he asks
is \$40. If I could buy him

out of my allowance that is
instead of 4 dollars give me
3.00 and as there are 42 weeks
in a year, then it would be paid
for out of my allowance.

I am in love with the horse.

By the way talking about
horsemanship. I got on the
saddles and nearly was killed
but nevertheless I am going to
saddle him every day and
teach him some manners.

GLENHOMPT
LEWELLYN PARK

My dear Mother.

I am writing

for a reply to my letter to New Haven
to see if I can take the rest of my share
this fall. My jaw is nearly all
right only the left side is as hard
as a stone and the bone is a mile
to big for my face. Mr Farr the
well known polo player had an
accident which prevents him from
playing Polo and he is selling off
his stock of Polo ponies. He has got
one little beauty, can be ridden
or driven single and double.

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This horse is large enough to drive in a
single wagon and you could use him
when we get the road wagon. He is about
the size or a little larger than my hills
horses. Mr. Dave paid \$200. for him ^{the 20} from
English stock and a high class horse.
If I could only get him I would go
wild with joy. He, Mr. Ebel. sells for \$1000.
wanted \$1000 for him but I said perhaps
I would buy it if he would come down
to \$500. He did and now I am waiting
your approval.

Write soon as possible as I am wild
to know if you think I deserve it.

It is no extra money from you only
out of my allowance.

Give love to all
your devoted son
Will

Miscellaneous 2
 Mrs. Barker 3
 Mrs. Brown 1
 Mrs. Gandy 2
 Mrs. Douglas 1
 Mrs. Carter 1

Mrs. Wood - Gloria
 Mrs. Mann - Ella Madeline
 Mrs. Bergmann - Gloria

STATEN ISLAND CRICKET AND BASE BALL CLUB,
 640 AVENUE, LIVINGSTON, L.I.

My dear father

I received
 your note in mother's
 letter and it grieves me
 very much to think that
 I have done anything which
 you did not like. I have
 one great fault and that
 is, I never stop to consider
 that it is necessary to ask
 mother's permission before I
 get anything. I know that
 she has asked me to get
 her leave what I wish
 but I have neglected to
 do so. You and mother
 have been very kind to

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me and don't be a ²
moment hesitate to think
that I don't appreciate it
I am glad you wrote the
note now as it will make
me be more careful in
the future.

Wishing you a successful
week at the mine I will
close.

Yours son
Will

STATEN ISLAND CRICKET AND BASE BALL CLUB,
BARD AVENUE, LIVINGSTON I.S.

My dear Mother.

I received

your most welcomed letter
several days ago.

I was glad to get Father's
note as it will make me
be more careful in the future.
I have one very great fault
among others and that
is that I never stop to
consider if I am doing
the right thing or not.
You and Father have

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were very kind to me
and I appreciate it very
much and it greatly
amazes me to know
that I have done wrong
I will be more careful
in the future. and what
I can faithfully promise
to do. You are very
kind to say my debt
was and I don't see
how I can thank you
I am studying very hard
as the exams are approach-
ing every day and the
examination is on the 1st, 2nd
and 3rd of April
Will you send that
brother of mine down

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to the school, for he loaned me
the book and some and all him
I am very glad to hear that travelling
is well again, I thought at first that
Charles had it too. but in looking at
you letter I received from I saw
that I was mistaken

I thank you much for the
insurance of assurance. Tell him that
I will try and improve and that some
day we will have cause to be proud of
give my love to all
your loving son
Will

Wednesday last and I hope
that she will profit by it. I
told him in very plain words
that he was making a mistake
and that you and father
would think much more of
him if he would do one
thing and still to that
instead of doing this and that
I sincerely hope he will think
it over and see that I am
only wishing for his welfare
the work is beginning to get
very hard up here and we
have to do a great deal of
studying.

I received my bill from Falk
the photographer, will I have
to pay it or may I send
it home. As soon as I have
my conditions off I am



my dear mother

your most

welcomed letter was received
yesterday. You must pardon
me for not writing sooner but
I have been so busy at my
work that I have neglected to
write to anyone.
It is very kind of you to send
me the box and I appreciate it
very much indeed.
So Tom has gone into business
for himself, has he? Well I hope
he will succeed. I must have
a word or letter of advice in

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going to try for some paper published here
I was unable to get in the office club one²
account of my conditions, which was a
very great drawback to one who wishes
to do many things and can't do any.

Have you sent the money to Mrs. Round
and Funnigan yet? She said that she was
in very great need of some and as none
of the boys have paid her anything except
for the time they were in New Haven before
college opened. You would greatly oblige
me if you would tend to the matter as
soon as it is convenient for you to do so
It is beginning to get very cold here and
it is awful hard work to get up at 7:00
in the mornings.

Well mother I will close as I have to
go to a lecture in a few minutes.

Give my love to the children and to
Father and be yourself.

Your loving son
Will.



My dear Father
your note

came this morning.

I have already received
notice from Mr. Russell
to acquire a higher
standing. I went over
to see him about it and
the result I was doing
much better.

You are quite mistaken
to think that I have
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not been studying. 2
I have been studying
most of the time upon
my conditions, while
I have to pass off before
times. Between those
conditions and my
regular every day work
I have a very hard time
of it. Do you think I
was here to have time?
No I want to be sent
home because I did
not study, no most
decidedly not. and what
more. I think it was
quite foolish for me

to leave without college they paid at all
knowing that I had some conditions
I did it because I thought you would
think the better of me.

well I may say you will never
receive another one from Yale and
I will not that you start.

Receive me that I will do my best
in all things possible but set me
remind you that my conditions are
one of the greatest show work one can
have while there your learning time
and here

52 Lafayette Avenue,

New Brighton,

Staten Island, N. Y.

Wm

Your spelling makes

Dear Mother: ^{me faint} ~~see marks~~ ^{see marks} I hope that you are

well and having a good time
I want to borrow three dollars
from you for some tickets
for a play given by the
society people I wouldnt ask
you but I spent nearly all
my allowance in going over to
Orange and buying a pair
of slippers I will pay it back
when I come home. I wouldnt
ask you only I would have to
go over my allowance one week
after next ^{with love and kisses to all}
4-3792 You son Will.

W. G. B.

New Brighton.
S. I.

Dear Mamma:-

I hope that
you are well and that father
has not "fainted" yet over my
spelling. Ask him if he
ever wrote a letter and talks
to three girls at the same
time. Well; I guess not.
That money saved me from
peeling in a "mug" which
translated into modern english
means "in a hole" Excuse
Edith there yet? Give her
my love if she is. We are
having pine skating down

here. One day it rains
pitchforks - another day it
snows, another it thaws and
the next, pure skating.

If it won't be or will not be.
any trouble I would like to
bring some girls (?) over to
Orange on Saturday the 4th
of Jan. Please do not get any
thing extra for the lunch.
but just get a few more
places at the table. I will
return the letter for it really
makes me sick.

With much love to you
and father, I remain
your soon
Will.

said him for some reason
or other. Everything is
smoother down here. There
is lots of skating.

The champion races of
America were held on
Sater Lake not more
than a half mile from
here. There is also lots
of fine sleighing as we
had eight miles of snow.
I have been playing a
good deal of Golf since
I have been down here
and have made a
record of 108 strokes for
eighteen holes. It is a
very fine game but
quite expensive.

The club game on "Antarctica"

STATEN ISLAND CRICKET AND BASE BALL CLUB,
BARD AVENUE, LIVINGSTON, N.Y.

My dear Mother I received

Your most welcomed letter
several days ago.

I was very sorry to hear
that the children have
been ill but I hope that
by this time they are all
right. What are each
and some go to Mexico
too? I suppose better

Opera" last night and ²
it went off in grand style
nearly all of the ~~bankers~~
Garden-house were lined
up with the "grip" Mrs
H. has been ill for the
last two weeks.

Mrs. H. had it but he kept
up the school nevertheless.
Will you ask Father if
I might have an increase
to my allowance.

I have many more things
now to pay for such
as Golf Balls broken sticks
to be repaired and many
other things. And I hope
that my dear time that you
have enough confidence in
me to know that I do not
spend my money foolishly.

I am getting older and ³
know how to take care
of it.

Well changing the subject
I received a very nice
letter from Dr. Coit and
he wants me to come back
during the Easter holidays
and visit him.

He asked me to remember
him to you.

Well I will close now
as I have a caller
coming.

Give my love to all
your loving son

Will.

Aline LePitre has lived ^{with} me
as nurse for one year.



TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL
52 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Dear Mother:-

Shops that you are well and having
a good time. You must excuse the shortness
of this note as I have only a short time before
study. My teacher said that my mandoline
cannot be fixed but I hope you don't think
that so say so because I want to get another
you remember that I told you that I could get
a mandoline from a fellow down here but he
sold it. My teacher brought down a mandoline
and I would like to try it very much. It is a
\$8 dollar mandoline but he gets 14 dollars off
on discount so I can buy it for 24 dollars.
Now if you think that is too much I will take
a dollar out of my allowance every week
till I pay you back. You perhaps think
that I will break this one but I will try my
best to keep it. Of course you can get a
mandoline for less but he said that if
you want a mandoline that will keep, you
will have to get one that will cost something
of course these are mandolins that cost 75-
dollars and more but if I only got that
I will be satisfied and my heart contented
with love to all. Will, ^{these things are not}
^{made, it has to be made of wood}

32 Lafayette Avenue,
New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y.

My dear Mother:-

I received your most

welcomed letter several days ago
and I intended to write you sooner
but I have been very busy.

The arrangement concerning the money
is very satisfactory to me.

I do not know why Father objects to it
for you know that when I get to
Yale I will have to do everything on
my own account and in my way
of looking at it, it is better to begin
near at home to see how I can get
along, than a place where I will
have to look after myself without
the help of any one.

I am very sorry to hear the sister
has the measles. I hope that nothing

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serious will come of it. I see by the 2 papers that Father is experimenting on the X rays. Tell him I wish him success. The bill from Brooks is correct I think, you said that you did not think that I needed any shirts, why I did not have a single dress shirt to my name and I have very few colored one which are not worn out. The cuffs and neck wear out so that it looks rather ragged. Tell that brother of mine that if he does not answer my letters there is going to be no more waiting postage stamps on him.

Write soon and tell me how they all are at home.

I will close now as it is getting late (quite an old bluff y mine)

With love to all and to yourself

Lovingly

Will.



My dear mother

I am a little
better today and hope to
get out soon

I have no cause to worry
about my college work
as my division officer
came in yesterday and
said that my name was
brought in the meeting
last Thursday and
that as they knew I
was late in they
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would let me stay just²
the same - and that I
could begin afresh
with + mas, which
is very good news for
me.

Don't forget to send
me that check book
as I have several
outstanding bills
due very soon and
it will come in handy
and save me a lot
of trouble

I am having an awful
lonely time now
as I can't get out

and have to be here all day³
give my love to Father and
the children and write soon
spouse receive

your loving son
Will

way of asking you to send it
to me, so I telegraphed.

To be very plain and honest to
you I will say that it is simply
impossible to save any money
out of the allowance you and
father allow me. as my actual
expenses this month have come
up to twenty one and a quarter
dollars. I have not been able to
provide for myself several things
which would have been very
nice while I was sick, as
I did not have it to do with.
I have some bills still to pay
in the next few days and
that money in the bank will
help me very much if you
will only see that it is sent
immediately.



My dear Mother
Your most welcomed

letter came this morning.
The real reason why I sent
that telegram was, because
I had promised to settle several
bills on the first or second
and they bothered about me
quite a little while I was
sick and then I had to buy
quite a lot of medicines and
other things prescribed by the
doctor and as I had no

It only seems a pity that the mines are not³
running yet as everything is set there till
that runs. You and father are discouraged
no doubt but I am on the last stage of des-
truction. Here I am, two and a half weeks
laid up, now standing and goodness knows
what, but I am still in college and unable
to stay here. They are going to give me
a special exam in the subject I am most
weak in. I will be down in two weeks
and can only promise to stay a day or
so after Xmas.

The cause of being laid up this time
was a wrenching of the knee and a
fracture, my accident, in a very soft part of
my person and if it had been much
harder I would have laid me up
perhaps for months.

Enclosed you will find the bills, they
are correct, don't pay the dentist bill
till I write as there is some mistake
no doubt. Give my love to all and
write soon and cheer up your

D devoted son
Will

Mr Taft's School
Waterwich
Conn.

My dear Mother,

My knee is all right now and I am feeling as fine as ever. By the way my chin whiskers are growing very large you know. Will you try and get the razors as soon as possible as I need them very bad. It does seem queer that every letter that I write you has to ask you for something. You must excuse the paper as I am all out
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Mr Taft's School
Waterwich
Conn.

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To it. If you have any with my initials on it I would like some very much. I keep up a correspondence with twelve or more people every week and it takes up paper. Well I must close now. Give my love to Aunt Fannie and Mary and to all
your son
Will.

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me. by Father's wish ²

I guess it will be
done in quick style

Will I must close

Give my love to all

Your son

Will

Thank dear little
Grandmother for her
kindness while I was
ill for me

GLENFONT

My dear Mother

I write

to let you know that
there is to be an operation
on my face Saturday

They are to put me
under the influence of
ether and as Judge
Edgart is going with

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how much he
should give me

Do I not get the
same allowance
that I got when
I was in C.

I don't know why
I should not.

I would have stayed
at C only it was
important that I
should come home
write and let
J Randolph know

The Everett.
N. B. Hafford Proprietor.

Jamestown, N. Y. _____ 1896.

My dear Mother.

I am very
sorry that I was unable to stay
till you came. but I am
suffering so that I am
nearly crazy.

When I get home I will
write you and let you
know how my pace is
getting along.

Give my love to all
your loving son
Will.

think it very serious and I
consequently I did not write.
You can't possibly imagine
how this is worrying me and
if I don't get out soon and
get over to recitations I may
have to leave college and
come back next year.
I want to go over but the
doctor positively forbids me
to as he said I was
in a bad condition and
that if I walked now I
would be lame for some
time to come.

I have been in perfect agony
since Saturday and I
sometimes feel like putting
an end to it all, when it
hurts the most.



My dear Mother,

misfortune still
plagues me and if I get into
any more of these scrapes I don't
know what will become of me.
I was hit in a very sensitive place
several days ago and have
not been able to get around
at all.

It seems very queer that these
things have to come when
you are just starting in
your college career.
I have been laid up since
Saturday but did not...

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I did not have much time to talk to
you when I was in Orange but I
want to thank you for everything
as I enjoyed it very much and the
dinner was simply great.

I wake back on that now with greedy
eyes as I have to bare on bread
toast and milk for all meals.

Don't forget to send me the check
as soon as possible as I have some
bill outstanding which are due today
and I can only lat the most part till
76 till tomorrow.

Give my love to all and write soon
I hope to be out in a few days so
don't worry at all. I have a good
doctor and he will pull me through
all right.

your loving son
Will.

to recitations this morning²
The lessons are getting very
hard indeed and I may
have to tutor in some subjects
as I don't understand them
at all.

I would not get up to the
game in Boston. They say
that it was a very exciting
game and very closely
played.

There is going to be a grand
time up here next week
when we play Princeton.
Can you get up to the
game? I would be delighted
to have you come up and
I can promise you a



My dear mother

Your most welcomed

letter came several days ago.
but I have been so busy in
working up last week that
I have not had much time
for anything.

My Geometry examination
comes off next Wednesday
and I am pretty sure
of getting through it all
right.

I am able to get around
all right and I spent over

good time. If you would only come ³
How is Father getting on with the
mines?

I sincerely hope that they will be
running before long.

I am now going to write upon
a subject that I don't care much
about doing so but as it is a case
of have to, I must do so.

You know I told you in my
last letter that I didn't see how
I was to get through this month
upon what you sent me.

I am sorry to say that at present
I have not a cent to my name.
Hacks to borrow five dollars to
buy a pair of crutches and also
some medicine, for which I have
not paid yet.

There are several things which are
battering me quite a little and
I don't know what I shall do.
There is my ticket to the game.

I forgot to thank the 5
dear little babies for
the chestnuts they so
kindly gathered for
me, and you must
do it for me now.

We have an examination
or at least a review
in Physics tomorrow
and I am all on
tiptoes, I can hardly
tell whether I will pass
or blunk.

It is without doubt the
hardest subject I have
ever studied.

But I am going to



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for which I have not paid
for yet and will have
to do so before long.
Now you know mother
I don't like to ask for
these things but it is
a case of necessity and
I have to do it.

I see that Tom is doing
quite well in the lamp
business, but you can't
expect much when
you have been in
the business for such
a short time.

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make a big stab at it anyway
well I must close as I have to
get to work on that delightful
stuff and try and get some of it
into my head.

Give my love to the babies and
father and be yourself.

your loving son
Will.

it again.

I trust that you will find Aunt Jane much better by this time.

I will not tell you anything about my experience in this letter but will wait till I see you and will tell you it all.

I trust that all are well at Abbeville although the death of Theodore must have been a terrible blow to all and I was glad to hear that his body was given a decent burial and not as some of those poor fellows whose only coffin was their cloth

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GLENMONT,
LLEWELLYN PARK.

My dear Mother,

I have just arrived from Porto Rico on the transport, Minnewaska and am in good health. I was very much disappointed to find that you and the children were away.

I received the box just a few days before we sailed for home and it came at the right time although it was over a month in getting to me.

I was in the hospital nearly six weeks all told but I am well again and although the experience did me good I would never go through

I am going up to the mines soon to³
see father and have a talk with him
My experience in the army has taught
me many things from which I hope
to profit by
I would so much like to see you
all as I have lot to tell you
Give my love to all
your affectionate son
Will

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES
CORRESPONDENCE BY LEWIS MILLER

CABLE ADDRESS "EDISON, NEW YORK"

THOMAS A. EDISON,

40 & 42 WALL STREET

Mass
NEW YORK, Apr 26th 1887

Dear Maria

We are preparing to leave for the north in the morning. I have had a most delightful time all hour from so kind that I know it comes from genuine friendship, and requests for you. I have had a better opportunity only to get acquainted with Mr. Edison than ever before. The more I see of him the more I am impressed with his greatness, and genuine good heart. I am thoroughly convinced that he is true to you and true to what he appears to be. And socially he is superior to most any one I know. The many remarks he makes about me are seemingly somewhat of attentions as expressions are genuine sympathy and are made to our talk about Mrs. Pillsbury and, say one else with whom he is well acquainted. The difference you see, is the difference

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of being well acquainted, and your kindly appreciation while out on our walks or four days hunt. He was so cheerful and entertaining, he kept the camp or party in good cheer all the time with his wit, sarcasms and stories. He was always ready, without loss with pleasant Mr. Pillsbury what was up. And always in such nice language as compared with Mr. West and others. Nothing of low order came from his lips. Sometimes he would tell some story that if any one else had been part in such language or would have been low of cast. But not once did he let himself down. I have personally watched him to see if any remarks which might be considered as disparaging to you. He seems to me just as he did a year ago. Kind a affectionate in all his ways. You would naturally expect that he would visit Mr. Pillsbury since you left. He has been over but very little and never any length of time. He and I would sit at home if we were sitting and reading. I have made this opinion because of your expressions that you did not have this full affection.

to so natural for one after marriage
and when everything must come to us
nearly - the feel just as you do. This
is doubly so in your case as Mr. Relian
is fully natural mind, and yours is
still formation. You are not far
from the allowance that you
themselves. I see your influence over the
family in many ways. The children
then certainly much comfort as it
appears to me. Mrs. Wm. Relian was
very free in giving her opinion, and in
praising. She said it was a great
thing that the kind of a mother
got into the family that you seemed to
be. She told you many things that Mr.
Alvin told her about you which were
very nice indeed. I am convinced
that if you will not force a differ-
ent impression by your apparent feeling
that all is not right. You can live a de-
lightful home. You know it in your
power to make all around you happy
and delight full. John Mr. Relian says
and looks as mortifications and on his
part efforts of entertainment and
discontent. You will find that it is
just what he needs. He is so on the
habit of those pretty remarks the his own
in the words that he cannot get to think

ought not try to differ from when he comes
home. You must try and meet him with
patience. You know him very well, he comes
home. don't think he care much to hear
about house affairs. If comes you must
always explain to him fully what you do
like to do. I am fully satisfied that
his future prospects for making money
he no doubt will ~~have~~ get a very large
income from his light as stock, and also
from his practice. When you first went
to Cleveland Park, he had spent a great
many ~~that~~ and things put at that time
did not look so bright that it made
him a little cautious, which was right
enough. But made it quite hard for
you. He is much pleased with your
idea of securing for about a sum
one of them called of your great desire
to make the home the place for inter-
tainment instead of business about.
I think, Dett. will be very much in
favour of you. no doubt the last your
feeling about her, and you must win
her as she it will not be just what all
hope and desire. I believe that you can
win her. She certainly takes to your point
and especially to Maria and Sarah. Mrs.
of she was delicious to know you. If she
would not be interested in them. You
boys certainly are much improved
by your influence over them. I am

very anxious that you show your true
Christian influence. Your life and your
father will express the true character you
have. Show by your spirit that you have
Christian spirit in you. The Miller family
is all over Spain with their criticisms
of things. It is all right to open and not
dissemination in your impressions. I think
there always in such a way, sometimes one
is the side of Jacob, or such. The other the
side of Jacob and right. Only one of us
has some faults and errors about us, so
there is no time as there is, perhaps about
which or whom we cannot find something
that is wrong. I grow into a habit to
see the error and not the good is very
easy and natural. It requires an effort
to see the good things and talk about them
than our the error and faults. We as a
family are fault in seeing the error and
building them up in our view. Jimmy is
so much troubled in this direction that
he is constantly unhappy. Now Maria
I want you to practice in seeing the good
qualities of things, talk and think
about them until that habit becomes
natural. Think this is all you need
to change many of your impressions. I
feel different about many things. I hope
you will take those thoughts in your spirit
as they are given by a Father
15-18-99 Your Father

Clarendon Hotel.

New York, Feb 24th 1894

Dear Miss Grace

You will be surprised to
learn that I am still in the city.
I have been going about the city
waiting for an interview with the
major news, who were to be here last
Wednesday. Dispatches from New York
are in the air - until midnight train
when I hope to start for home.

I saw George at the N.E. Book store
he came to the city with Anne Strickland
who went to Philadelphia. She started
a new program pretty well.

I saw Harry Halloway and got
the address of Miss Noble, which
is Tullahoma Ave. between Plummer
and Walnut.

Mont-Clear.
He said this street were not
numbered so he could not give
a number for the house.

I was about the city and had
nothing to do. so I went up and
spent about a half hour at Brook
could not go any where for any
length of time as I was waiting for
telegram. and even now still waiting
expecting very much. That other
coming and there will drop in
so I don't get away at midnight.
I will write or telephone again
soon.



SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
Lewis Miller, Sup't.

Albion, Ohio,

May 20th, 1890.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Orange, N.J.

Dear Mina:- Enclosed I hand you the two certificates of stock, #171 A.M. & Co., 50 shares and #279 C.A. & Co., 50 shares, transferred to you as you desired. I have been trying to get the Whitman & Barnes stock but it seems to be mislaid; Ira thought he had given it to Rob and Rob thinks he never had it. It will come to light when they look it over and I will follow it up until we find it. And will then forward it to you. Is it not possible that you may have it now? Rob will write to you about the dividends received.

The girls came home all in good spirits and everything seems to be all right. I leave this morning for Texas; it is later than I usually go. Got your dispatch saying folks were all well and are very glad. I did not get East again as I all-most expected I should. I do not know when I shall come now. Give my regards to Mr. Edison and the rest of them.

One of the dolls was received in bad shape. The little lever was broken off from the drum and could not be used. The other one was of good service. The boys did well in the exhibition; altogether they cleared \$40.00 in the entertainment, which, for a mere church entertainment, is very good. Jennie did splendidly in managing the affair. Everything is all right. Keep in good spirits and be happy and keep that side up.

Yours very sincerely,

Lewis Miller

W.V.W.

North Galveston, Texas
May 1st 93

Dear Nina

Your letter came
chief to hand. We were all
glad to hear from you.
I got from Maum that you
did not care for a new team
before next fall. This team
is and I want to be about
filled this fall for size and
style of horses such as you de-
scribe. The color and age
were against them.

We no doubt can make
things just as they will seem
see what we want of the
Chicago Exposition.

all understand^d that you will
spend July at Chauteauquia
and we will so arrange as
will suit - we have a cottage
as we can arrange for all
of us without a special cut
tape

I will probably come
to N.Y. before you break up
for the summer. When we can
fully arrange for everything.

I am glad Mr. Nelson is keep-
ing in good spirits - our bus-
iness matters, it - a business
divers understanding

The boys have not got -
through talking about the
next time they had during
their vacation stay at your
house. You made it so
pleasant for them, they think
you are too nice

Aunt - Percy's people are pretty
well fixed they are living
in their new house - it
not finished however.

This is a new town only one
year old. I hardly know what
to say about ~~the~~ its prospects.
It is so hemmed in with water
the managers of the town say
they will make it quite a
place. I have some doubts
they all think Percy should
stay in this climate, as it is
much better for him. Poor
woman is far from happy,
so however and not much
to help herself with.

We shall probably stay here
until Monday, when we
start on our home journey.
Stopping at Dallas Texas and
possibly at one of Denver
Colorado Springs. This coming
seems to help me right up.

am the best in the party.
Mother is quite well. Mother she
stands the trip much better than
Mamma. They had something
like the trip which has been late
up ever since we came here
to day is the first - the first out
the ship the will be all right -
now.

Single John has got quite
old. He cannot work much
of any. Lucy seems too
weak to do any thing. Still
they are both about - things
will probably stay at this
place the rest of their days
which from all surroundings will
not be very long.
all send love.

Father



March 21st 1894

Dear Minnie

I arrived at this place this evening 6th. Met Rob soon after I arrived.

I had an all night and all day ride over a most beautiful country all the way. I suppose I would ride through the mountains about all the way, but in stead, I rode in a wide valley with only hills and there an interruption. I could only see the mountains at the distance. To morrow Rob & I will go still further

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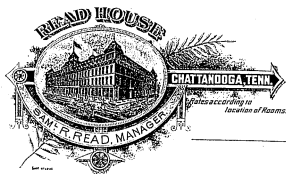
the south. Rob is wants to look up the farm I have been talking about.

While I am here I will look up our general Agent who has charge of Pullman Miller & Co Bussines in the Southern States.

I am getting better of my cold slowly. Otherwise I feel just well.

By the time this reaches you you will see with you your dear Brothers and sister & no doubt are having a good time. They have my best

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mithus. I went to ask
Mr. Nelson, of his engineers
were as far west as Jackson
County, North Carolina in
their prospecting. The place
I have reference to is about
fifty miles west of Ash-
ville N.C., and in the Mann
Terns. I had a talk with
a man in Washington who
controls some 16,000 acres
of land. He says to pull
of all kinds of minerals.
He says that he knows of one
Mann Terns (that is to say, it
is his) of some sulphurates of
iron. C

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and contains gold but he
did not know what per-
cent. I presume your
engineers can without doubt
run through that part of
the State. This special tract
lies in Jackson County -
N.C. about fifty miles
west of Ashville, on the
Murphy Branch Rail Road.
The tract is controlled by
a Mr. McAdams - I. J. M. Moore
of Waynesville N.C. They
do not place much value on
this special are as they say
there is one way known to

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extract the gold & communicate
to. If you desire I can have
them send you samples of
the ore. I wish you would
write me, and its possible
that many be of no use but
I thought it was worth making
the inquiry.

A letter will reach me
of address, in care of
R. Hobbs Albany Georgia
where Rob & I are going
for a few days

Love to all
Louis Miller

I would not believe one of these
Southern under oath

My men have repeatedly
gone to place said to be a
Solid Mountain of ore

only to find a narrow vein
2 or 3 inches wide with
nothing of value -

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GLENMONT,
LEWELLYN PARK.

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Dear Sir

The enclosed letter relates to Mr. John C. Milliss appointment as Assistant Engineer of the I. & N. E. which was secured through the special interest of the President.

I ask as a special favor that you hand the letter to the President.

Yours truly
Frederick Sullivan

Orange N. J.
June 24th 98

[ENCLOSURE]

Wm Mc Kenley
The Colonel - 25th Reg
Glenbrook
Llewellyn Park
Dear President McKinley, D.C.

My son John & Miller
through your very great kind
help has received commission
as Assistant Engineer of the R. S. N.
with the distinction rank of Engineer
and has taken the oath and
is now awaiting orders

He has gone into the service
as a Private. I am very anx-
ious that he shall come out
of it - strengthened for civil
service, therefore I am very
desirous that he shall get on
to a ship that will advance him
as far as possible.

Of course his own prefer-
ence

[ENCLOSURE]

Mr. Parker

Private Sec. of President McKinley

This enclosed letter
relates to Mr. John D. Mellus
appointment as Assistant Surgeon
of the U. S. A. which was secured
by the special interest of the
President. I ask a special
favor that you put your hand
on the letter to the President.



Dear Mam:-

I want to express my heart-felt feeling for your very kind offer. I assure you it lifts a very great burden to realize that my men and daughters have such complete sympathy for me and mine in the misfortunes that have befallen us. While I hope I have things so shaped that I shall manage to save enough to fully care for all necessary wants, it fills me with gratitude and thankful emotions to realize the material sympathy expressed in your kind letters. I fully realize that for the time being Mr. Edison has use for all his means to carry out his very great and, I trust, successful scheme and, as before stated, I do not in any way desire to take an action that would in any way involve either of you in such a manner as to require any of your means to help out. Again accept my thanks for your kind consideration.

Very truly,

Father.



AKRON, OHIO. December 8th, 1896.

Mr. Thomas A. Wilson:-

Mr. Cloyd Chapman is a young man I have known from childhood and I regard him as a very fine young man. He graduated from our High School here which is a very good start for a young man. He went several years to Buchtel College here: then went to Cornell one year: then went into the drafting and designing room of one of our local machine shops for a year: then went back to Cornell. His full time at Cornell was three years and he took their full course in mechanical engineering. When the war commenced he was just through school and was examined for the Naval service and got the same standing that John did and was recommended for assistant engineer.

He served at the Boston Navy Yard as assistant engineer and the engineer being close to the end of his term of service turned most of the work over to Chapman as I learn.

I give you this information as I have gathered it: I know the young man to be worthy: he lost both father and mother some time ago but it made no difference in his perseverance and his efforts to make a man of himself. I think if you once start him you would like him. If he would not suit at the concentrating works he might suit at the laboratory or in the phonograph works.

Yours truly,

Russ Miller
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[THEODORE MILLER TO LEWIS MILLER,
CA. 1894-1898]

GLENMONT,
LEWELLYN PARK.

My darling Papa.

I suppose
you have been soldered
and stormed at enough
by this time so I will "ease
off" but please don't think
that I am not as much
opposed to your working
so hard as the rest.

We had a fine time with
our friend in Springfield and

Digestion Lu is on a vegetable diet and he thinks that helps him a little.

The two "babes in the woods" are well and as happy as ever be. They do not quarrel as much as the "babes in the woods" we saw in Chicago. Yesterday was lovely and we took a drive in the afternoon and of course went to church in the morning.

Well now Papa you wait & take a lay off and come and see a fella". Try and come

we were here at Skina's in for a fine vacation. We saw Ada Behan the great actress in Twelfth Night, Saturday and are going to see Baranum and hear Radzewski this week and do a lot of other things. Three of our St. Paul's School friends are coming out for the afternoon and dinner on Thursday and we expect a great time with them.

Mr. Edison looks well but is having his old trouble with

out to school Anniversary
time so as to see the boat
race. That is the principal
event of the whole year and
is intensely exciting to watch.

We hope that we can both
row and that will make it
still more interesting to you.

Well now darling do heed
the heaps of advice hurled at
you and take life easy for a
while.

Well give my love to all at
home and accept a very large
share for yourself — Theo.

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES
CORRESPONDENCE BY MARY V. MILLER

Wahgany and a lot of other people
going to keep your party. I don't
get home until about 9 o'clock. I think
I'll move - I wish my parents was out
and to bed. I'll be next closely
into the line going to hear from you and
be sure we are all together and all.

Adm Cl. Jan 19th 1854.

My Dear Shriya

My dear Nina
I received your
very nice and welcomed letter
and I can assure you I was
very glad to hear from you it
seemed as though it had been
a month since you left and the
time had seemed so long, we had
a very cold snow storm I shall
ive it was snowing when you
left the snow is quite deep but
I am a friend it will leave
soon as it is melting now and it

2. I hope you are
feeling better now. I am so
glad you got through so nicely.
I felt very anxious until we
had word that you were this all
right. I am so glad to hear good
news from my dear ones.
I am glad you think you will
like your room mate. I hope
both will prove good and very
nice to each other we can help
each other a very great deal if
we will only stop to think. I
hope you will try and set a
good example for all around you
and your teacher can say look
at Miss Minnie Miller and try to
do as she does if we want to do
right we must watch her and
pray much may the Lord use both of us.

I hope these few poor compositions
will find you very well and
happy and more contented than
before I was surprised to
read that you took your corn and
millet through. I did not think
of such a thing when we was ^{at}
them. I thought they would be
good on the cars. Have you all
you want in your room and
any other way, since you left I
have thought of so many that I
might have done to make the time
more pleasant for you. I am sorry
I am such a slow thinker but
it is not best to think of the past. To
much that will hinder us from doing
in the present or future let us improve
all we can and do better and better.

but how I would love to see her I do hope
you will find her well and happy and
and she may have many very many times
of receiving me and coming out to get me and
I will always be happy when I see her little
brother and sister. I hope to see all
her at our house and will enjoy each
other's society and we may always have
some happy and to have long dwelling in
and

My dear
John and
Thomas
both

Oh dear Miss
you have always wished me
to remember me to both of you
and will love and good wishes
to both of you
John and Thomas and Mrs. Gillman,

we all send love and best wishes.

My dear Miss (I hope) that you
are well and happy and I do hope
you can do a little
better than I do
I do hope you will
and I do hope you
do well here, I do



John C. Rhy 20/8/88

Good by, I do hope you will
enjoy your little life
and that you will be happy
and that you will be happy
and that you will be happy

My dear children

Neither of

you can imagine or begin to think how
much I have thought of you both my
dear ones since your flight on your
and fine side how glad I would be
if I could have one glimpse of both
while sitting locked in each other's arms
and enjoying each other's society and
making plans for the future both for
this life and the life to come may
we always look well in the future
and always be ready.

I have not been comforted enough yet
to do any thing more in a while
I would do something that would give
quite in it place and would pick it up.

and try to find it places "help her mind"
week I may begin to find my feet
and try to do a little something for the
time is short while the time we can
welcome our dear ones back to
our home and Stably and we can
have long chats together now every
thing is ad one we can talk with all
and have good times and every thing
will be happy near love,

Dear Mamma started back to school
this morning I did feel so long
for her starting a way all alone or time
at least she would be a comfort singing
with his dear family as if
then Louise left her she did not think
that is make home happy a com-
want to go but that she with the rest
left now dear ones I do not know
of me thought it best so she started
how is visit or comfort so you will please
hoping to learn something that would
spare this poor letter and believe me
do her good all her days the days she
when I say I do love both of you
is a going to see your next letter
and would be glad to do anything I can
do you think she will now do
to help make life happy and sweet
hope we will all see each other soon
Dear Mamma please remember me to dear

for would not home for dinner do you
dear he has not read your very nice
letter and you see what affect you
had with him if it has not been that
you was here Monday and Tuesday he
would have been in the shop or some
other hard place of business I hope my
dear children will find a little time
to write to their pa and keep him a little
satisfied from here word he works so hard

I hope also dear Mr. Elderson will be
able to let some of his hard working
for her starting a way all alone or time
at least she would be a comfort singing
with his dear family as if
then Louise left her she did not think
that is make home happy a com-
want to go but that she with the rest
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and would be glad to do anything I can
do you think she will now do
to help make life happy and sweet
hope we will all see each other soon
Dear Mamma please remember me to dear

I will now shut as I would like to write a line
to you I can hardly believe that I should be so
happy and at last I am so happy as I am
happy I am now so happy I am now so happy
to see and to feel
Love and best wishes to all
and please write to me soon
can find it convenient to be by dear ones.

from Mother

My dear Minnie Thomas

you are
hardly one moment out of my mind I
day now have you been since your last
letter and good by I do hope you
are having one of the brightest days
you have ever spent and are very
happy in watching over Bible lessons
and studying the old scripture for in
them ye find ye have eternal life and
we gain strength and life every day
and all the time.

My dear ones I hope you are being
as nice and bright a day as I am
the sun shines as bright as the day you
live stood at the sacred altar.
We were all at Sunday school and school

that I was surprised the Sunday School children for the teacher there is nothing
very much that she thinks they have better do than and perhaps as far as
teachers at that place but I say this little David I do hope she or the young
she must start home not thinking she will be able to keep the children and it
but we do not wait for to I am a young man grow to be a good and useful
to do all I can to keep her longer the man, and I wish a letter may reach
is not very well, she comes around the dear Sharon and it will be the way
best of wishes to both and a good letter to her I do hope the
I can receive you and was all right two dear little girls may have many
to learn that you were well and having many pleasant and useful times
such a pleasant time and that they will each other I hope and the little
will thus better start home this morning for they are well as all the other folks
now I do hope my dear children may have delight but I wish together
will not start off any longer I hope both of you will always be
the Sabbath but keep it up with Reverence and love in deed as well as
and love. I hope you and all will send my letter to
home and I wish you are on each side and we are can hardly keep time
of me are writing to the Revival. It wishes he was with you some time
the other dear little I do hope he starts up and says he is going to
each letter will reach the right hand and get there before you do and
and we are done time and that will send I wish you dear I do wish to
happily no doubt but the Revival is the best I do hope it is a great work
for him to do it. I do hope it will be a great work for
all the time.



Albany, N.Y. March 7, 1836.

My Dear Maria and Mr. Benson

I dear Maria

I hope Mr. Benson will pardon me for making my self so familiar in calling him my dear child or saying Thomas I feel as though I ought to be a little better acquainted and know if it will be agreeable to him to have one like me call or speak to him in such a familiar way I hope he will excuse me for this time and he will tell me when I may make mistakes and do improper things although I am afraid if I ask him to correct me in every mistake I make he will get very tired and will not have time for any of them

thing else things of greater importance of hindrance and an every day life
 I do not wish to be any trouble to always ready for any event of providence
 my dear friends nor children. This are so many changes we can hardly
 wish I could do one thing that would sit down with folded hands and say every
 be of any profit or benefit to one thing is just as I want it not for any single
 person or the world in general I have of time any way. I do hope my dear friends
 not as yet found out why I am placed and Mr. Ellison are very well and my happy
 dear in this world but every thing and with each other and enjoying each other's
 great many things are very negotiations in a city and country better and better every
 this life I would love to live in this day and may love each other more and more
 life so I can do and have every thing more all the time and as long as life may
 in the next and all will be joyful last and best with these dear friends may
 peace. make a happy home in Heaven. Then dear
 dear China I was so glad to receive I am just now reading a letter from dear home
 such very good and much letters from and she is waiting very anxiously waiting for
 you. I am so glad every thing bids from you telling her a little of the happiness
 so far for you to have a happy and enjoying now we are so glad every thing is
 and useful life may it always be bright may always be so dear affectionate
 thus and may my darling be all her times I think I will never write to you any
 dear husband would have her be more as I do so truly and only better you
 a noble true and faithful wife not dear China do you let Mr. Ellison see my love
 only in words of love but acts. I hope you will do as I can do well
 we must do all with love and with love and with love

case, I will be at your pleasant and happy
 home and I shall be all well with
 often and can do much better than
 I. I think I will not write my letter but
 do not say that for one moment that
 do not love you and your dear husband
 for do love both of you and always
 will now please accept my love and
 best wishes of dear Grace has well
 said and did not cease thinking of you
 when the nurse stopped no more with us,
 Louis and my self went in to see
 Louis Bolivar who is not much better
 if any she asked at a point and
 sent her best wishes and love to
 you and yours, but Lucy started home
 last Friday so is not very well she
 wished me to give you and Mr Bolivar
 her best wishes and love and hope
 how life may always be a happy
 life. Well my dear I must stop
 as you will be so tired trying
 to read this you will not feel like
 reading your dear sister that is your
 get home first. We all send love
 and best wishes to both of you and
 all your friends, my dearest and
 give a million congratulations and send
 their best wishes to you to every minute

I will now say good by every love I enjoyed
peace ever again



at Long St. March 14, 1844

My dear friend Mr. Garrison

We were very
much pleased to receive the nice
letter from you on the 1st and how
I would love to say good to say
there is no one in this part of the
house but John and Thersa all
that are at home with Father & Mary
are at the assembly to listen to a
lecture from George Peckham
Sam is at Newton and you know
Earl Roberts is at Boston on his
visit at that Henry Mass & William
Barry I will be glad when he first
ed time to do as best as much
There is dear Sam I think will be
for school a great deal better than he
used to be I think it will be so in the long
run

[illegible]

I am dear Anna want to write to you
often & I hope how lovely it is to
to do so but I have been so busy
that I can't find time. I have had
the same experience throughout my life.
I hope you will find me
write to her when you can now / day,
getting tomorrow's letter through the mail
but wish to say I was very glad
to learn that you had decided
definitely at your new home and
was well. How dear Anna I
will have to ask you to please
excuse all of my many mistakes
as I don't know how to
write or at least how to compose
any thing good nor might I need
not try to write this to day if
I did not burden you by any
self knowing it always did me
so much good to read a letter
from home I don't even think of
my dear Mother writing me a
letter ever but she always got

I can share your love, and in
 for as I have, lead walking
 of us you can tell me all
 there you are equally wonderful
 were to have had such a wonderful
 be happy and that will be
 best of all, now open by your
 I have a little box, with all

U know I would like to see you and all this winter more than ever but the time
Saturday night up to Sunday School I hope I will be seen in my
own one to write for her and desire to be as all will be
she told them what to write now with you I wish you would ^{write} please
I wish I could write one word your my love and best wishes
that would cheer and make you Mr. Edison and Lea, I intend to
feel more ~~to~~ and know you the two dear little boys tell them
do every thing that we can do we can hardly wait for the time
to make every one happy around that we can be each other and get
you I don't feel or think there is anything to be done
is one selfish self a hard job every day about them and are making
and you know that unselfishness arrangements what they will do
is the true way of making home right again I do hope they will
and every one happy around them have nice times with each other
or you My dear Anna I don't and I wish and peace may be there
feel a friend but you will do more I do hope we may all have a
all you may one can make very pleasant and happy time with each
you home as a happy one I am other often and often. The first evening
as very glad my dear Anna you very nice and kind letter and
has such a very kind husband feel so glad you and all we all
one that I do hope will stand by and happy and I do trust it may always
you in every little thing as well as so. We have a letter from him
as great things I am sure if you he is well and sends his love and
do all you can and you have a best wishes to you and Mr. Edison
and all the rest of the dear ones.

But the Editor left it in his own hands not
to say what he would think of it, and I must
wait till he has time to do so. I feel and wish
wonderfully now. I will just say
I hope you are all well. I am well. I
to day and night. I hope you are all well.
I am well and happy. I am glad of the fact
to see you in a place of peace and comfort.
I like you very much and the Editor
and the Editor. I like you very much and the Editor
boys and the Editor. I like you very much and the Editor
cheers me to get a letter from you
if I could only compose and write
I would wish the Editor to write
me a letter but you see and
how I can not write to you would
be nothing for your dear friends
to see. So we will do the writing
with each other and can tell each
what we want them to know and
that will be all that I write and
do not have any thing that all do
know and can know. I am so glad
to see you all seem so happy and
content may it grow better and better
every day and year as life may

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of day in my side day we had some for breakfast this morning the milk was
of the best they are a young one last we had him in the garden. I
may last. I hope I shall be over a little when we are all together
and as happy as a girl. but I have something to say about
Father and Mother and dear Brother Mr. Johnson's dear and dear
and me and Aunt and a nice home. I have had them I am a young
can make for it seems that they to come in some time. I
is happy and I am so glad and old and old for myself. I have things
dear little Anna and William are
are as happy and well as they can be. We are all at Sunday school and
I hope they are enjoying their school and had very much to gain
from it. I also like the new home and see John's little school and it
is here all they enjoy being with us. Many say I did very well other
the dear friends. I hope they are enjoying their school very good
do find what they want in this. Mr. Means died last Sunday night
near home and he may always be with his father in heaven.
be a good one. I wish Mother this is a lovely day and all and will
to them and dear Mr. and every one of us. I hope the kind request
they may grow brighter and but I was at Sunday school and come home
before every day. when I closed, I had a letter from
How I would love to be with you dear Jim and to see you and to give
to say it seems you can not say you and Mr. Johnson and all his best
enough a home. your nice home. I hope you are well and are in the land
and what a nice time he had with that they will be home about the middle
all of one. I hope you are not a great deal of things. I hope you are well and are in the land.

I do miss all of my dear ones do very
much but I am as well as I can
not be very lively one but I will be glad
when all are at home Love to all

Love like as well
How how I love you

My dear ones I am as well as I can
not be very lively one but I will be glad
when all are at home Love to all

It may be Mary can come down with them
do it will be all right please get your things
to Mary a box of it. I can go with them
Mr. Lake and the boys to work while
get down the river all of you before
there some things to show all have. I was
very long please bid the little together in I mean
all this and if you would like your own
three girls and then they may kiss you. I am
but it may please you mostly I am sure
for the children to kiss if it is for me
and they would kiss me. I am so sorry to
day as we are missing our good
much we didn't see I have not received
the Telegram asking us not to let
the children come until to day at
noon but I was was over to school
and at home you had. I thought
in these words I have just wrote to
am very sorry we didn't get it in the wind
sooner but wouldn't expect them to
about on any account I am read I am
better while we were at dinner but as
all said they were ready they wanted
to go and for thought a day or two would
not make much difference I am I mean
it might it would be nice to make her
visit now and then be ready to come.

Dear Anne I wish you would tell him to get Camp to come and stay with us this winter and
wait on Thomas coming and my other that my cousin Joseph is at the school and waiting to see
I am a friend to all I have a poor thing with the girls we have more wealth of them are good
or go to the Lake with Anne I do feel his velvet clothes and his neck his hands
do say that so many ^{of us} are thinking you can have them when he comes here
and at this time please don't go to any I will send them to the Lake so he can
more trouble than you can help Mary have them Dear Robb is here now
was today and I didn't know what to with his Sunday school class but
say to her I hope you will let her help just now he is a taking them admiring
you or the girls as let her do something but will soon be in nine little girls if
that will help you for I think you need the little boys had been hear they would
help I hope him can also the Little have had lots of fun as some of them
father said they would try and be good over very lively Robb is well and as
as they could now I do hope you and all a hint you and wanted to know
all will come to the Lake just as how long him and Anne was going
sooner you can I want you to know to stay with you Dear Anna you must
and let dear Little Thomas come with he need most out with so much empty
the boys he was so nice here I think I do hope the girls can do a little for me
he is a very nice dear little boy I am very glad Long has been in to
and I want him to come Dear Anne see you and Mrs. Vane and you such a
a gain and stay longer I am afraid nice letter I think we will enjoy the Lake
you found him home a little and a time so much more than we would other
little more like a boy as he was not wise how nice it is to live in a house
doors must all the time I do hope he and mine with our mothers and fathers and
enjoyed his visit here and will be is better than love it better than any
willing to come to see us again I forgot to say and in every way

Please Mr. Sam. Anna when I say I
love you and I wish you well to good
luck and happiness in this life can you
and your love
my ever unendingly I should love you
be as happy as mine is love and happiness
my greatest blessing
and a bright shining light

I heard by him
how to write these few lines to you
as I have to him and I think with dear
little Thomas will be so soon with
you and can and will tell you
more than I can think of. He has
enjoyed dear little Thomas so
very much and very much and much
he could stay longer I hope he
has not wandered so far from the
right way that you and Mr. Benson
will never let him come again
I want him to stay now but Grace
thinks she wants to get to the Lake
pretty soon and if she goes now to
your dear home she can get to the
Lake sooner if it was not for that I
would let her go a while longer

My dear mother, I am very glad that you tell me more than I can write to
write to you for this time, hoping you are well and happy and enjoying
I hope Miss Thomas has enjoyed it. I must stop for this morning
about saying with me and he will be sitting chuck. She said I expect Helen
to come again. There has not been any having a very nice time with her
one word of discord between them. Today I hope she did and she will come
of any mind that I have heard of all home full of delight with her visit. It
seemed to be happy and well. I heard you, Miss Maria I feel very that
with each other when we go there. There are so many coming to your place
you will be home soon. What a lot of work but I don't know how to tell
rest as at the time that is it. I know it now as it has got there. I hope
will be willing I am afraid he will. Every can hold and try to make them
not content. I know it a little lighter some times. I hope
will come before you go home. Say she is a going but I hope she can do
but that will not be as if we could come long to help. I hope you will have
be all a love and we could do just good. Each will love and others wish
as we pleased. But I hope we will have you would send. I have some pictures
a nice time any way that may seem so as she can come. I think she has
just for you and all I want to do as often a way long enough. I will tell her I
near right and all I can to make it would like to have when she will be here
a pleasant time. I want all to come so I can wash my hands and put and
the wisdom of Thomas and William. I am afraid to tell her to be good and
if he is at home come and let us have not talk to much. Please tell Lewis I
a very time. I would like to have a letter from her if she has
time to write. I hope she is well and happy.

Please accept my love and best wishes
 from the family of the late
 Mrs. and Mr. John Little.

I feel sorry for the loss of
 a dear friend and I hope you
 will not feel the same.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Little,
 I am glad to hear that you
 are all well.

The weather is very fine today
 and all the rest
 of the family will go to the
 beach.

I hope you will have a very
 pleasant trip.

I am sure you will have a
 very good time.

I am sure you will have a
 very good time.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Little,
 I am glad to hear that you
 are all well.

I received my letter from you and tell her you would like her as she has, with a husband and one without both are good if they be good hearts both.

I do mind my feelings and desire for things you are all right and so much it seems to me more, we coming just right and away and more every day to be by now they around you are all right. I am vacationed in seeing it seems can do glad he is so well pleased. I do though I must say when with you and any thing would you.

Anna and Elvira comes in must I think I am will be with you. He do so and so I do expect to see. Last of the week you have asked my dear Anna home but it is not what I thought a bout. Grace will be in a little different way or Lot and Elvira and Grace going there a school or a school yet to know to study. I think it would be of books but I don't not any more as all right but I am not sure if he has been a little of a man. I am sure to go on to the city with my human nature and mind. I had talked of doing but I am can't do it. I have any other time of you. I hope I can tell you all about it. I schooling me out but you have better than I can write. I will let her had new lessons to learn every let you. It is a fact I am this week day and you have learned them but this is how much and I think well. I would be very glad if of them will be glad when they get home. All between would write me. I hope will I see you and your dear few lines and tell me if he. Anna I hope so too. I am sure I think he can make a good scholar. We had such a nice letter from her of you and if it is easy for you this last week have you any of her picture as we think they are so nice if possible.

off to study but this is so many doing it that we are not sure it as we wish to think she can do so
well enough but I want her to do as she thinks best and will do for the most part. I think I shall
and will do well any place she may go but the more will not be so long at one place of residence.
I hope soon to receive you at your old home all or both well and happy and happy
home and both with you dear family. The quietness of married life however
will enjoy a long time with us it will be a love a little it gives us a time
saves long when I look forward to to think and yet ready.
The time for you to be here but time flies and tell us about what time
flies fast. I do hope we will have you think you can be here I hope you
the very best of times while all as will fit everything so you need not be
to gether around the family circle. I am a hurry to leave before anyone can
have the wonder of dear Eddie will be get to see you or know you are here.
How you know he has gone to Africa I hope dear little Thomas and the boys
dear boy how often and often I think are having a nice time at the Lake if that
of time and wonder how he is and I know that the girls were going to be
he will have a safe and good time. I do long getting her I would have gone and
do miss him so much it does seem stupid until they could be then it seems
so hard when they get to be coming a little to bad to let them be there long
they will leave but I hope it is all a love but I hope Mary has taken good
for the best. This is a busy Sabbath care of them and they are perfectly safe
day and we all were at Sunday school and happy I want Thomas to have a good
and such as we had a nice hour. Mrs I think it will be nice when all get
spell at both Sunday school and then dear Annie hardly knows what to get
school and good service. We as all as she has not had a chance to talk with her
well and do hope that few days will get I think she would like to go home but what
do you think of her case it seems like a good one.

I would love to hear from you as always, as
you can feel really annoyed to write and send
you directly from the ^{the} summer of gold
we and it is so good to hear of all the
you come home. ^{that they send}
love and best wishes,
don't work to hard but keep well and happy
continuous happiness. ^{to all good friends}
best wishes for all ^{the} year and the future
with the best wishes.

I am intruding as I don't think
or don't consider whether I have had
an answer to the last letter or how
long I sent you a note but let
it be as it may I feel like writing
to and wish you were here so I could
talk face to face as I would so
much rather do that way. I think of
you so much now as I expect you
are alone for the first time since
you were married. it must seem a
little strange and pleasant now and
it is nice to be a lone soul in a
world one can think and do better
if they are by them selves a little time
Yes hope the little fishes are happy now

Q. The said Singer will then sign
what is before him in my presence
he a quack and off as the law is
has been every for some time past. And I hope
that my good, good day.

to happy and feel all night after this Dear Miss Robbins does you have not sent him a
letter for a long time. He is talking of getting married a long while ago but of that I
write to him as soon as you tell me for I think he feels a little lonely.
Lovers at the Lake I do thank you for a long time I think after one has
much for the three time you gave worked as steady as the Edison and
then while at your very nice house. Anna has and so long a time they
have been Anna and Mr. Edison how ought to have a long time of rest and
or in what way would you like to be ready for this winter work.
spend the time when with us staying. Let it just as nice here to stay as it
most of the time at the Lake or at can be I think we have had a delightful
home now please let me know as summer I hope these few lines may find
we will make arrangements accordingly do it well and happy and enjoying
I want you and all to have the very last of the society to the very greatest
best of time while with us if you pleasure, Annie Grace & Alice are not up
would rather come home to obtain yet and it is half past eleven October
I will stay at home and of you they are nearly tired out as they are having
world rather be at the Lake the great times with the boys who hear the
most of the time I and all of our girls come now they will have to have a
will go up there please let us little breakfast they are eating they say
know soon I want all to come they feel needed now I am glad they come
home before going back to go to to visiting their sisters I was afraid they
home at Orange and I want you would get home sick. I have not had a
to stay longer than Annie was word from the Lake since the girls got
a friend you was only going to stay there it seems like such a task for them to
by and make arrangements to stay write to me and Annie soon happy and con-
tented when she left and she left she will

strange to think you should feel anxious
about some little trifles like this and that
but said they were but well and
seemed to be enjoying themselves

Grace and her family. At home. On July 28th. The
Thomases are all happy to get her and
flying with other young folks. Will tell you
good by please as they love and best wishes.

My dear Thomas and the family

also from all the rest of the family. your house must
seem a little bit crowded at so many
are away. There is only Lea Mami
Grace and me and my self to sit down
at the table as all the rest are ^{scattered} away and
then the most of the Lake Esides has
gone to Naples Louis and Robert's at
Santon so it leaves a very few at home
Lea Maria and Mr. Esides may offer
this Sunday when will as all meet again
I do hope very soon and we will have
the very best of times. I am so glad

all are well and are having good times
as every thing will allow it is time some
to be a home but when we have anything
to do they love to be alone they can do
as much better. I wish I could write you

My dear Thomas and the family
I am so glad to hear you have a little more of the same
kind of love and more love and more love
and more love and more love and more love

It is very warm here to day² but we are all well and was at Sunday school and church as
usual, I expect you have been from the Lake do know how they all are they don't seem
now we would have met a good time spoke of what a nice time they had at
with those bugs now here Minnie I would give delight full home I can Minnie
get your Landlady to take that work I wish she had such a home to poor
on herself and give that house a girl she will never be happy until she
good dealing with that Oil and varnish needs get a nice home the Harwin
and I would use a good deal of boil comes in and takes a bath it and
ing hot salt water I believe that says he never can have such a home
would kill them to make it as strong as you have but he thinks he can have
as you can with salt and boiling hot a good plain home but he feels as
let her do it while you are here with though that will not please Minnie, I
and I would get some one to do it any day for the Harwin and Minnie to but strong
way as it will be to have for you to do it all come right some time,
yourself if the girls do it they will be I do hope my dear ones are well and happy
more careful after wards I do hope you to day and enjoying themselves very
can get them out of the house some much do come as soon as you can to
I would have your man and a girl see us please let us know where you would
do the work I mean that work if I had like to spend the most of my time
could be there I would do it for you while with me for will be at the Lake at that
or see that it was done I know how that but we can be at either place well
to fitting you, Minnie thinks I had better send and dress to
I had a letter the same day I received yours but I will wait until I hear from you
yours from Minnie, Grace they both and if you say send will do your best
for it if you say so.

Chen, Ch. 26, 1899.

My dear Anna and A. L.

I will write only a

lines as I will soon be with
you and so will tell all and
more than I could if I should
write in code and compacted as I
could as I am a very poor composer
and writer. I was in hopes of having
ruled paper to write on to day but as I
was weak and all the time was so fully
occupied occupied with the Recorder
I will have to try and do as well as
I can on plain paper please do not let
any one see this for I am ashamed
of it and all of the other letters I send
you but I do love to hear from you
I darling and here so I will keep
sending them, how I do hope these
few lines will find you and all happy
and well and happy I did think of you
and all children with the rest of me all
day yesterday as it was the last day

with the child. Finally I did wish ^{it} off
you were here with us. In Telegraphed
to you and dear Annie we received
answers to dear Annie's but not any
from dear Mr. Gibson or from you for
which we were all very sorry. We had a
very pleasant time. The weather was just
what we needed as it could be and every thing
was nice every thing that one wanted to
eat and drink and music and every
thing to make things pleasant. I did think
so much of my dear about me but
I hope all were well and happy and having
good times.
Dear Mr. Gibson for good place to stay
I cannot want him to but he thinks
was at church all day and it will not
be very much out of the way to select
this after noon. It does make me feel
sorry to think every body had made
up their mind there is no wrong in cracking
the Communion table there is no wrong
in doing a little letting the Communion
just smell a little if it would only stop
with a little but oh no.

L. with Annie
I hope you and dear Annie, I hope to see both of you

you far was just saying at the table
that dear Annie would be home this
winter with Miss Luller so we will not
be so lonely as we expected. Dear Miss
Cara was here according to agreement
but I would not let her go to work
for me. I sent her over for the doctor and
he said Cara could not work. Ode did
make me as well as all the others feel as
bad as we could not have her dear you
remember Anne. I wish that the doctor
said. Cara is just like she was the doctor
said she may leave us in a day or so
it would Cara feel very sad to think I would
not let her work. I wish the doctor rather
let the work of this house be so it would
no girl go but I love to get a good one as
soon as we can. Dear Annie will you
please get the boy's clothes and also when
you send long ones you will know
and now the dear young girl would
like you to get a head spread and
toilet set for dear Annie. I wish that
you also gave far and I this is for Annie
and you do you think what that set
I hope to see both of you

Dear Grace would like ~~for~~ you to get
her some gloves if it will not
be so much trouble.

It is now bedtime & so wish I could bid
you a good night we are all well & settled!
O C! How do you do this morning
I do wish I said more we have had
no breakfast and I have the room in
a little better next week I will have

Got Chambermaid then. Ch. Apr. 30, 1878

and then time will be better.
did I say any thing about what he
would like no thing I am all in and all the children
to get for him all done. I was glad to

hear from you so direct to day
but was sorry to hear that dear
Mina was not well how I do
wish I knew just how you
was now just at this time while
I am a trying to write these
few lines how I would love
to be my with you and hold
you and kiss you and do
any thing and every thing else
I could I do hope these few
lines will find you my dear
well and happy I wanted our
folks to say I am all in and all the children
to get for him all done. I was glad to
hear from you so direct to day
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to be my with you and hold
you and kiss you and do
any thing and every thing else
I could I do hope these few
lines will find you my dear
well and happy I wanted our
folks to say I am all in and all the children
to get for him all done. I was glad to

Well Darling I will say good night I wish you would come just as soon as you
can and we can have a little visit before the wedding are they going to treat
you very soon after they are married I cannot help myself
to head first how you was so many offers to talk to him and
how I do wish there was a Telephone the railroad took most all the
line from each house so we time I was very you was sick
could talk just when we pleased and could not meet him did you
this writing is nice but it takes do the nice vale I regret for Cora
to long to get to hear from each I think the one you gave me is the
other what is the matter Darling prettiest just to look at but for flow
if you are sick do please let me and he is the best but if I had one
know by Telegraph just as soon of your nice long Ruled it would
as you can I do want to know be the nicest did you help and did
right a way do not wait one moment you get it for Lea I expect Lea
I do feel anxious is very busy telling Cora every
Ja is sitting on the Tomy with me thing I expect she will know all about
looking over some papers and the Mr. Cady and your place before she
rest have gone to head this Price gets there she and all the rest of them
came this afternoon she is not we well I have not been over but once since
well Cora was with us last you was here I think Ja will get a
night she is very poorly I cannot Pansie be thinks that will be the best
think she will live very long we can get the other things any time as
she can not work at all Darling they will not cost so much what do you
have you good girls now I think would be nice for the little boy
have not had a chance to ask her I have not heard from dear Annie as
yet I do not know what she would rather do

Mr. Merwin was just in and
gave me a penny so I thought
I would write for the first time with
it to you My darling please accept
my thousand best wishes also give
it to all the dear ones at home
Mother,

Adm. Ch. O. S. 1865

My dear Anna and Mr. Merwin

I want to ask
you if you can come a few
days before the stated time I
do wish dear Anna if Mr. Edison
cannot come a few days before the
time you would come so we
could have a little time with each
other and dear Mamma will be
home I do think it would be
so nice as come Mr. Edison
to but if he thinks he cannot
stay away from his work
so long you come and then
he will come for the grate-
day and you will be ready
to go home with him when

I look at Miss Brice and Cara I feel glad I am well at least the rest of
us it ~~does~~ seem so hard to be half sick, I will say good by dear Ann
he wanted to go but I do hope he send an ^{up} right to Ira &
Mr Edwin will make arrangements am afraid we are asking to
so he can stay some time much if you my dear I wish
with us to do try and come soon you are well and happy also all
pleas let us know as soon as the rest of you dear family I
you can so we can be ready do wish I could see all of you
I mean have a clean apron this evening and talk over things
on and have the carriage at the door dear Ann will be home the 11th
train to meet you, dear Anna at least we look for her but do
I have been looking at the drawings you think of the spread and table
foot throw you know what I set Miss Brice this is a nice picture
mean and Miss Brice and myself and an E. Self would be nice
have about made up our minds for the little boys what do you think
it would cost about as much as of that Eddie Robles Lin a clock
a sixth Comfort now much would now darling I wish you with Edson
you get for Ira I wish I had would tell me what would be nice
thought of it soon I am a and useful Two weeks from to
find we will not have time to day time very short - we have a
wait for answer from you if letter from I wish this morning I will
we could only telephone to said find it to you so you can read
wishes you to let the same man it and please bring it back with
you get your name of and say good, the are all well and happy when

now please remember that tell dot to come as often as she can³ she can
defend the boys here while you are at Silvestra for teacher will let her if
they will do just as you would like. don't mind it to hard but sing and
then to do now my dear the smester read a grate deal also talk
and a better thing from the more. day any thing that will make one
credit to you don't stop for laugh and feel good I am glad
one moment doing all you can for teacher that you happen
to miss them to you and bring dot likes to attend church I
to help them to be smart smester would get her to read and
the better sing and read and tell little things to please all!
plan with them and say and thing think a hearty laugh does one
that will please and make them good laugh all you can and
happy and will help them to love make others to, we had a letter
you got them to love you well from Lisa and Laura I expect they
all will be well talk with dot will have a nice time with you and
all you can ask her how she grows they are well and happy
likes thing and if she wants any now I think it rather a nice new
thing any thing and every thing you like I believe you do to my pen
can think if by making them is not very good I think it needs
and others happy you will be happy a little more with I wish you could
and your mind will turn out. Come home with Lisa and close the
in a different charial and every Eason to now I want you to remember
thing will seem better be happy. Every time I ask or wish you could
and content try and keep well. Come home I mean oh Easonally and
any of the children that can come all if they

poorly as she can be and help us. I don't think either of them will live long they had not to go 3
month but with out their capable to work so you do not need or want them to go with you
company as they are feeling very anxious a little like feeling now as Edward
at present on account of the reception of Corn are through with and they say they
will stay here I can hardly wait had there best time with you it seems
for it to be over as I would like to so nice and restful to have our visitors
how how it will go off it seems so day such things about us it seems to take
strang to think we would undertake such hard a way I am so glad you Maria
a thing any way if we had some one to you have such a kind Husband to help
go on and take charge of every thing you make your home so pleasant and
it seems we might think of it but we doing restful how hard it is when Husband
all ourselves it seems we cannot do it is so short and careless about friends
as it ought to be come but we are in for that visit and both have to be of our mind
it now and we must try and do the best and feeling to make an success of anything
we can O how I do wish you and other those dear children how are they do they like
Edison could be with us if it had not their teacher you have in the house with you
been so hard for you and the Edison I do hope so and they have very nice and happy
I would invitation on you coming the times with her they will learn a great deal
hope we will all be together Christ-mass of good and nice things of her Miss Cutler
I wish I new what nice thing I can get so so poorly all the time she is not very
for that time had there is a little time much company for us she has not been
for that so I will wait a while yet, in stairs for two days she seems to feel
how do you do any way are you well so poorly all the time it seems as though we
and happy I do hope so it must seem sure the luck of being sick for they with us
this winter Miss Bice at my forty three is as

I was so glad to hear from you but
 I am not glad to
 read that you felt a little dissatisfied
 for I don't like to hear such news
 not that I don't love to have my dear
 little one every thing left in a shadow
 and out of a blessing mine I have to
 know just how my darling is in
 every way in spirit and in health but
 I know if you are not in good spirits
 your health is not good for both of us
 together now I do want my darling to be
 happy and I know if she is happy and
 contented all the rest will be I am sure
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1. The first thing I noticed
 when I stepped out of the
 plane was the cold air.
 It felt like a giant hand
 reaching out to grab me.
 I had heard that the
 weather was bad, but I
 didn't realize it would be
 this cold. I was wearing
 a light jacket, and I
 quickly realized I needed
 more. I saw a small
 shop nearby and went in
 to buy a heavy coat.
 The shopkeeper was an
 old man with a friendly
 smile. He helped me
 choose a coat that was
 warm and comfortable.
 I paid for it and went
 back to the plane. I
 felt much better now.
 The flight was long, but
 I was glad I had the
 coat. I was looking
 forward to seeing my
 family.

48 The Libary, filled with some one or a good many ~~books~~ ^{papers} and a ~~hand~~ ^{book} which is in front of the table and a horse of ~~leaves~~ ^{leaves} on a stand in the corner and a large box of plants in the window and plants in the corner of the room that was about all the time. The women will be happy and glad all the ~~you~~ ^{you} long and love their mother all the time and all will be well with him now my god and Mr. Edison will be perfectly happy. I don't in the least feel discouraged. Happy. He had quite a little getting to know but live in hopes of better days in a last evening and all seemed to enjoy their little time last evening while the ladies ~~clothes~~ ^{clothes} and every thing passed off very nice and gentlemen were coming and going quite ~~ly~~ ^{ly} but I did miss my dear ones that a number would ask a bout ~~themselves~~ ^{themselves} were absent I did feel all the time if some would say Mr. Edison and some Mr. Edison and others were very ~~be~~ ^{be} careful say one can hardly tell how they are would be right and if it was not for the first year after being married every ~~hard~~ ^{hard} for god to travel on the coast. I thing was so different and so many things would not like me for an answer but to learn and to do but after a little my god ~~best~~ ^{best} should be here, ~~himself~~ ^{himself} would learn the cases my book things and I was up to call on her and and not worse the better all around both. Cora this morning they had great fun for self and family and friends in their breakfast and she was hanging any way now be happy and contributed a picture to me that ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~face~~ ^{face} ~~part~~ ^{part} go out all you can but to call and then Cora and Fanny were up driving drive take the little folks with you and doing some little thing or had started back with them tell them everything that to do something but it was rather only will please them and ~~them~~ ^{them} to you ~~all~~ ^{all} they had not any of their own money they buy once get them to think and feel towards that amounts to any thing I think they ~~god~~ ^{god} as there was no other person like will pass a very pretty home when they get it all fixed up. it will take a little while

Arthur W. Fendall, Esq.

St. Louis, Mo.

Now I am a going to ask you
a question do you want me to
come to your house to spend
Thanksgiving and our folks
are trying to make me go but
I feel a little backward about
going on such a day for fear
you may have other arrangements
made now if it is not desirable
please let me know by Telegram
and very soon I expect to will
be there and if I go I do not want
you to know anything about my
being there now I will not write
any more at present but if I come
to your house I will tell you
every thing I know and it may be
I will tell you more now don't fail
to Telegraph let me know just
how it is with you. your affectionate
friend and best wisher

Nov 11 1880

Dear Anna I have nothing
 nice to write shall I come with what
 I have and will you come home
 with me or no that is I am sure.
 The Robbin wrote to you about his
 getting married so soon and are you
 a going to his wedding he has not
 told me any thing as yet but he
 has asked Annie to be bridesmaid.
 Dear Anna your last letter was a
 charming letter it is just what a
 letter as I love to read of you love
 and you will be loved and kept
 on doing to others as you would
 they should do to you, if I did not
 so much your to read your letter
 may God always be your true and
 loving friend always go to home
 and tell him all your cares and how all
 well I am if you trust and believe him
 your Mother

each other soon I can not get there name just now the Wright³ Mother is buried
near in Orange some place the Wright³ said she passed your house when
still as well as circumstances will and as a sleep she said she passed
alone I am sorry my dear one my self are the only ones in the room
will not have many well days for just now with the exception of the
a little time but I do hope she fine it is very quiet here and it is
will be well paid for her had a nice time to write a few lines to my
feelings and all will be joy and dear Anna I wanted to write all day
happiness.

We are all well but do miss so yesterday and to day but could not get
may it makes one feel sad and a chance as in the morning we took
wonder what to do to make up the ties over to the church we left
for the missing ones you dear every thing on we could but it took
I have not ^{rejoice} got home yet but I quite a little time to do what we did
hope he is well and safe he was I had hardly finished when Mrs
up and had on his clothes to day Late came in and about the rest of
so he is better the children are the day with Mr. Maria has been
all well lot and Grace with a good deal to it seems as though the
quite a number of other young time is all taken up some way I hardly
folks are out a coasting they know how that Wright³ came in to
say it is splendid coasting now call on you and she was very sorry to
Maria went to a concert with Mr find you were gone she thought you
Oakley Thirick and the four was a going to stay all the week she
other boys have all gone to bed wisher very much to see you she said she
lives near you will ^{get acquainted with} hoped you and some of these folks that

I do hope you are doing great well
 in getting your new furniture & such
 it will be a good deal of you. Love to the
 of my dear mother
 Mamma
 I wish you a happy new year.
 I have no cards this year as I did not expect
 to make any calls at all. But I changed
 my mind & thought I would make a short
 one on the home fire.
 I will start back for Mexico, after Robert
 wedding. I hope to see you then.
 Good by. With best regards to yourself
 & your family I am your loving brother
 Edmund

In any way he was any where near dear &
 dear old home there was a little furniture
 we saw how it is a going to stay
 while after the wedding he seems
 to be well and. I shall hope
 it seems good to see him with us too
 love to hearing dear January 3, 1867,
 ones come home I wish they could come often,
 you is better but not out
 any yet. please My dear Anna and the Union
 except love and best wishes I am I am sure
 you very welcome letter the other
 day and was glad to read it. I to
 hope you may be successful in
 raising the dear ones that are
 placed in your charge. I do hope
 also your great desire of being
 a great and noble woman may
 be granted you now dear let
 me ask you not to look to
 greatness and nobility in things
 far beyond your reach or any
 other ones greatness is in being
 ready ready to and willing to
 make little things great and noble
 it is not the great that the best that
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ent in a bag about it was a cold it is very cold here and it is cold on the canal so
we thought better to wait until it is a little warmer, dear Anna what do you think of your
many being come in without snowing or rain, I am glad to see you and I am glad
about all the work of gratitude, dear Dear Anna I hope you will not
and usefulness but the very little be so disgusted with the way we have
wheel that we think of the least importance keep the little folks so you
is the most precious let us be will never want them to come and
very careful of the little acts etc. make us another subject but you
that every little thought and feeling will let them come as often as
is full of love and willingness you and Mr. Eldon think it well
these two are the grate wheels that for them to be with and you know
keep the little ones in order if they see you know I am a poor Mother I
are full of oil and well trimmed cannot do as a Mother should do but
or ready for use, try dear and there are others in the house that may
keep your lamp well trimmed do something for them if they would I
and oil in your vessels, let hope you will let them come whenever
is hard to live every day and all they think they would like to come
the time just as we would like we have enjoyed there being with us
but grate the cross grate the very much I don't think the little
bleeding and richer the crown boys had a hard word on feeling
dear Anna how I would love with either of them all seemed to be
to help you in every way if very pleased and happy with each other
I could I do hope you will expect I think Grace and Lot have enjoyed
my wishes and hopes of seeing each other very much every
you enjoying your grate desire has enjoyed them selves very much
I think we did not get the best hair

Dear Anna as it is very early in the morning and I
have not yet any of my work done I will close for
this time hoping you will have your self well
Dear Mr Garrison I have not written a few lines
all but rest please
as often as you can do not worry know how
you all are, I am doing so much I cannot care you
this morning how do you get on
I feel by the time are you
will please write me as my Dear Anna and Mr Garrison
about your self try and be cheerful I cannot see
wellness better this morning while I
were at breakfast and we had tea.

breakfast fried meat, ^{tea} local wine & plates
and coffee & so on. I can drive if we had
knowned that I can Mr. Gilman was
so poorly we would have kept the
I can children longer we were not
tired of them and did not want them
to go home but as it was the wrong
ment in the street we thought we
had to let them go we were not tired
of them and hope they can come a
gain some more I can Mr. Gilman
let Miss Alice Waller and Lucie
take them and do the best they can
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Please tell my love and ask him to
 and tell the little folks to write to me
 and put a stamp on my card - I am
 so nervous for him, and all the others
 who please will help him, and I am
 sure he will. I am sure he will
 have more - but my mind is not
 well but more than ever - I am
 all right - I am well - I am
 happy and I am well - I am
 happy and I am well - I am
 happy and I am well - I am

each other. Pa has not been out any yet. He do not ^{do} not be able to move today and was not so well first. The house was full of men all day talking business it was to head for England ^{in getting him down here} and the fever has not left him since. Contraria and happy do not let them but I hope he will soon get better. make you feel any other ways? try I hope the dear children got home safe for Mr Edison and your own sake and all well it was so cold and is still be contented and happy make you cold I did dread to see them stand a home happy with smiles and kind love to but they with the rest thought they would and all will be well. were all right and every thing was all I am so sorry that I can Mr Edison right and I hope it was and all in right is still so poorly and there are fears now not and the boys will tell you why we you cannot get to the holding. I did not have them here cut it was so cold and am very sorry indeed but what can we be afraid they would take care I would be helped we have to make the heat not be in a hurry about it while it is so cold of it and let it pass by as easy as now please let Miss McMillan and some we can I do think dear Robt's and take care of them and you do not worry a also Louis and his. I go will feel very heart then or any thing but he happens to be sorry not to have you with them but good care of dear Mr Edison try and I know they will let each both of you get him well just as soon as you can please and think if all right under the circum give him my love and best wishes and tell stances. it is a long and tiresome him to be careful of himself and get well trip and will take a good deal of time just as soon as he can and then come and and hard work Theodor is sick this day a little while with us and have a good money I think he had a cold yesterday rest - he and dear Lou could have a nice time with each other if they were in it

I hear Nina and Ned have answers to you.
The Telegram we sent you in January
narrated it is so good, since we can talk
with each other ^{as} you will let us hear often &
that our officers ^{are} the best place
for us I had ^{heard} when, Apr. 8, 1884,
chance to send mine to find Paul & send
from our office I hope this will find
all of you better, we are, I was very glad
to receive your telegram announcing
that Mr. Edison was improving. I do
hope he will continue to improve
and faster to for it is so hard to
be so long getting well but as
Mr. Cooper said this morning while
talking with Thos. it was better
to take time to get well while
you were at it than to be in a
great hurry and have to go to bed
again and date twice as long to
be yet well and then not be as
well off as have Mr. Edison keep
quite long enough to get right well,
Thos. has been in bed for
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Dear Mamma.

I am going to write
to you and see if you will
get me something will you if you
will you can get me some type
some script type for printing names
on cards. Will you get me some
cards and some records for names
tell Thomas and William we
are lonesome without them.

Will good bye. Kiss from John
Dear Mamma

Love to your home for dinner
if truly the just time to
has been out. He is getting
along pretty and pretty
unhappy. He is now having
of old as a very naughty
naughty boy. Love -

John
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Abbeville Ok. Jan. 10, 1887

My Dear Nina and Ed Eddowes

you are on my
mind all the time Oh how I
wish I could hear from you
this morning I want for Eddie
to go and see you they say
if you would read them you
would let them know how
now Dear Nina if you do
want any of us to come please
let us know right a way
I think it would be nice
for Pa to come Eddie is not
doing any thing very much if
would be nice for him to
be with you a little Iot said
in her letter to Grace that

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you had a nurse I am glad I feel afraid Mr Edison is
of that but it is hard and work than you let us know
how soon for you any way I do wish you would write if it
now if the children could come is only a few times we
hear I would do all I could may have a little boy all care
for them I do hope Miss Mac and tell us if we can do anything
William Mac take care of them in any way Edison will come
and you have no trouble with and stay a little time if you
any thing but do all you can want them to do let us know
for Mr Edison but do not if there is any thing we can do
make your self sick I do wish and do not want to have you
I knew just how you felt self but take as good care of your
this morning I would love as far as you can let this you are
to help you if I could up to much at night rest all
it is very cold here now you can please except my love
Pera is better I decided to let and best wishes tell me every
he is not out of bed for thing good or bad just as it is
little boy he has had a hard place except this poor writing as
time for a while fast it is in a hurry and a poor pen
I do hope this will find all better please write often tell every
I expect a letter this morning but thing how Mr Edison is and you
have not as yet received not self remember me to all please stay
my love and best wishes for all

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Dear Anna you without trying to fix your own off
before you go as it will be so much for you
and as for your sewing I think I would try
and get some nice person to make every
thing and have it all ready by the time you
get home I think I would let it out of the
house as it will be very hard for you to have
it done in the house I would go with some nice
person and get what I wanted and let her make
them it might be she could get every thing
to but I think you would feel better to get things
yourself you can hardly wait until after
you get home as it would not be safe and
then you would not like to go out very
much on such business I suppose you
could buy every thing all ready made but
they don't seem as nice as home made or
some one make them we know.
I expect Lot thinks it is nice and more
proper for her to say she is comfortable
you are so I would not let it bother me but
make the best of it and let it pass as a good
be as kind to her as you can it will do all
the better for you and yours. Well dear
Anna I have a paper full of nothing I could
I could write a good and useful letter or letter
I am so glad Leach & Edison is so much
better I do hope he will get well and strong again
Edison will start tomorrow morning and he will
home Sunday if all right. I hope so.

as it is head time and most all that are at home
have gone to bed I think I will go to bed I hope
you are in bed too and are resting good.
Alec Leach & Edison I am all the best
Heather is better
but not well he had a fever on Jan 13, 1902
and is a little more than he was and he is
very busy printing a paper.
My dear Anna and Mr. Edison
I so cannot you three
welcome better this morning while we were at
dinner and I can assure you I was
as well as all the rest of the family
and good news it contained we are all
glad that dear Mr. Edison is improving now
I do hope he will take good care of himself
and get right strong before he goes
out at all and both of you will have
a good and nice time getting ready for
Florida and you will have a nice time
while there and both will feel well and
strong when you come back I am so
sorry that you cannot come this way
when you go south I have calculated so
much on seeing all of you at that time
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but if we dont get to see each other at that time I hope we will on your return home now dont make any other arrangements for I want to see you then. I think it would be nice if you could come here and Mr Edison could stay here until after the wedding you go with Cora and I will stay with Mr Edison. Dear Robbie will feel disappointed as well as this for to not have both of you there but I fear it would be a long ride for Mr Edison he had better stay with us and you go and then go from here dont. I am so much better there is no doubt but he can go with Cora. Dear Nina I or we want to put some money in with yours and get some things to build up. I think every thing would be better in our boy or packed as much together as can be so I think it would be well for us to send you some money and you get it all at the same time how can I or we help you please let us know as soon as can be we can be ready I was talking with Annie

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about her clothes. I tell her not to hate any thing that is very nice or very hard to do up it is so hard to get washing and Ironing done I think you will need two giles if not more for you will not be able to work or be worried any at least you do not have any cares at all now as for the little boys I think it would be nice if not better to have them with you or your father as they will get attached to other folks if they are left with them but dear Nina I dont know what is the better way I think it will be a good deal easier for you not to talk them but they will like others if they stay with them I think I would try and talk a little with Mr Edison and find out a little about what he thinks about it and then do as you think he would like. Dear Nina I would try and not think or mention any thing about let I would live as near as I could to please her and above all please Mr Edison and let the rest go we cannot please everyone.

or young sons⁴ and daughters be at
home with my older ones I can do
sary you can not be here before you
go south it seems as though I can har-
dly have it do if Mr. Edgison was well
it should not be so but I would like
to do what is for the best every time,
I wish you would write and tell me
how you have your sewing done for
the effective one have you done as I
thought of I think that is the best way I
I can think of have you got your rooms
furnished I hope so for it will be so
nice to come home and find them
ready for me. I think I would come
if you would let her come and stay
with my next summer any way while you
are sick and all the time I can sympathize
with you in having one around me that has
it seems that I cannot like this place and for
am sorry about it as you say think that
there is no one who please don't mention
this to any one or in any of your letters
unless you direct personal I am so
sary I have such feelings for it take
a great deal of pleasure out of my life
I would be glad to get out of it if I could
I think I will but before I leave I shall
write to you I shall come back to you if I can
that has such feelings for you I do love you

Will Dear Anna I think I have filled this
paper & don't feel enough of nothing don't
you think so to say and all well and I wish
this will find you all of you enjoying
the same gratification.  wedding has
I would have been with you please
write as often as you can all your family
you start for the south as it takes so long
a time to hear from you after your leaving
will good by my dear Ann and Mr. Edgison
please write to my dear Ann and Mr. Edgison
but in a few weeks we will be at home
once more after attending the
third wedding in one year that
is doing up things pretty fast
don't you think so I as well as
every one else was sary you and
Mr. Edgison could not be at the
wedding to I do hope these lines
will find you and Mr. Edgison
well and happy I meet Mrs.
Gilland and she said she was at
your house last Friday she also
said Mr. Edgison was improving
and was very anxious to start for
the south she said you was well
and all the others she hopes all will
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have a nice time. South and I do. I can I will just say they had a
 hope so too. I would like to be good may and very nice I did not
 one of the number to I do hope way get to you and Lewis as good
 one will keep well and have the way did not send them down there but
 best of times. Robbie Louie and I have no doubt but they are nice
 Charlie are on their way there they good and useful she got everything
 will get there about the time good. that was a useful when you
 will well I expect you would like come home next spring are will
 to hear how the wedding went off go down and see them I do think
 and if we were all pleased with it. Robbie and Louie will be glad to see
 well for my part I thought it well and we will try them any way I think
 very nice and I was well pleased with when you come home you must
 buy him and I do think Robbie has make calculation to stay sometime
 a nice little lean boy I think ought time as there will be two new sows
 to have one to as he is a good boy and so many old friends I think it
 I do hope he will make a good would be well next time to bring
 husband and they may always live Mr. Garrison with you and keep him it
 happily to gether and be properes will do him good to stay while with
 in every thing that is good I do vs. now he is in the family he
 not think I need dett any of here can do as he likes he just at home if
 presents as Robbie Louie and he wants ay thing just take it and have
 Charlie will and can help better than what he wants I want all my new

Dear Anna I will send you a short article
 about the wedding and after we have read it
 will you please send it to Sammie I think
 it is the best piece of the wedding these
 dear folks I expect you have read it several
 times already. I am almost certain that
 he should be happy. When he got to him
 he is in the work. He is almost certain
 under the work with himself too. I expect
 the whole lot. My dear Anna I will send
 you a very

pleasant time all winter long. This is such a
 foggy and wet day I hardly know
 how to do any thing but I will try
 and write a few lines to you my dear
 ones it does seem so long before I
 will get to see you. I have heard how
 you are getting along. I am with you
 could come this way when you start
 for the south. I received such a nice
 letter from you this morning was so
 glad to learn that dear Mr. Collier
 was able to be at the table with you.
 I do hope it will not make him any
 worse. The weather is so hard on my
 some especially one that is not well should
 have to be very careful for fear the
 wet and cold it will be very hard on him.

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 about the wedding and after we have read it
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 the whole lot. My dear Anna I will send
 you a very

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Mine I have, mind sup. my mind to let
 every thing so I can scatter it smile and
 cheerful words so all will be happy and
 we be happy fear mine while we have
 our fear of our hands with us for wisdom
 I cannot tell how I am we will be left
 and then every thing will be sad enough
 I like to I think I will visit her
 in a station to visit them at their
 home in London and do hope we
 will have the pleasure of having her
 I can Robbie with us often,

Now dear Maria and Mr. Edson, please
accept my love and best wishes. I wish
you would always find each every
night for me how often and again.
I do think of the time I was with you
at your nice home. I am so glad
of a ride on his way to Europe. He is
not but that you all already know.
Now dear Maria take good care of yourself and
Mr. Edson and accept my love and best wishes
also please remember me to all the dear ones
that are with you. I hope they are all well
and happy. Oh did you see any thing of
that little boy of Henry and George
it is not much but I hope you will get it.

All are all well and
 receive some letters
 this evening and I will
 send you three or more soon.
 Will you be
 love to all.
 Mother



John C. Lee, Feb. 12th 1857

Mr. Marchina and Mr. Addison

I hardly know how to write or how to write to this time as this morning I received such a very nice and welcome from my dear friends. I was so glad to receive it and hear such good news I don't see and felt it was a letter jubilee so I think I will wait until they have read it before I write a game or before I get to them I will write to my Leamings and Mr. Edgerton telling them how glad I am that they are in such a nice place and are feeling better already. I do hope before you start home that Mr. Edgerton will feel right well and will be as strong and full as life.

ever he was and my dear Anne will find for cake when you tell them
feel bitter and strange I am so glad you have not got any and if you
you hear pa did get to see you if should have small pieces to give
it was only for a short time I Anne she must not go and tell
did so much want pa to go sooner. He offered but she most graciously
to you but he thought if you did not self and eat it to rest next time
go until Thursday he would have quite I hope all will find mail waiting
a nice visit with both of you pa got for them when they get there I have
home Monday afternoon pa is not well lived in my poor way to write a
but he says he is better than when a few lines every week some time
left for you how I do wish he would write a week. My darling I do
go down south to you place if you think of all of you so much and do
think you can keep him if not he so much hope each and every one
would go some other quiet place pa will have just the tea very best of
readers rest and take care of him times while there all will get well
self I do hope this will find all Beth and strong I hope you will write
quite well and happy also you tell to me often as you can and you will
Now I think you will have your hands tell me every thing you can please
full with so many especially with Robert tell Anne sometimes what to
times and Anne what will you do with write to me so you can rest big and
them you must make your mind rest all you can and take every thing
you can be good not cry and keep as happy as you can and be happy so
all around you will be the same dear

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eat with us for some time. Cora seems happy too, also. I wish I could feel glad when my 3
dear ones are all happy and contented. Contentment increases happiness, does it not?

Well, dear Anna, I can assure you I
was glad to read such a good and
meek letter from you this morning. I
was so glad to read you were more
happy this last 25th of February than
a year ago. My Pray and desire
now is that every year more joy and
stronger love and happiness may be
yours and dear Mr. Edwards. Let I
do hope there will never come the
least thing across your path that
will give the least chill to your love
and happiness with each other and the
dear loved ones that gather around
you now and hereafter you home
may be a home of love and true
happiness; and you may make your
home happy by seeking it with
gladness and spending there your bright
time and sweetest hours, ^{in doing}
making it so happy with laughter that
all affairs may move briskly along.

Dear Anna this has been a lovely day
for me as dear Edwin started for his
100 yesterday he has been right here
night and ^{every} all the time since the 1st of
and it seems now time is so flying
with work and I have so much occupied
with study, John and Helen are so much
taken up with their paper and books I
have no one to go to as far as they
Lads over hear when he is at home
so I cannot have a chance to speak
to him hardly it is all so filling with
him, but I can assure the time is coming
near when we all shall meet and I shall
not grow so far from all my love needs
I think I can stand it until that time
comes and then I think I will make up
lost time it seems lost to me but I
do hope it does not seem so to you. I hope
you feel perfectly satisfied with all the
time as it swiftly passes by, We had
Ed and Cora in for dinner and supper yesterday
as it was the last meal dear Edwin was

she is a little home sick I feel so sorry
for her it seems most every year every
time she has gone over there someone
has been sick that maid her feet very
uncious about she feels very uncious
about both her and Michaelson she thinks
she can hardly stay there until the east
is ready to come home which shows her state of
mind but she has given up the trip and
is coming home. I am afraid if they
get the bad news about Chas. Williams
they will all feel like coming home there
has been a great fire there it is said
there 50 cottages burned I will send
you the paper so you can get it just
as it is in the papers for a while stop there
on his way home and he will bring us
the true story and then we will let you
know just as it is clear Anna I don't
think I can come down to you place this
year but I do think you and Mr. Nelson
for moving us it may be he will be there
some time but I can not tell when but
I am afraid now this fire at the Lake we
stop him all together but it shall not if I
help it I do hope he will be with you soon
there for is a little better but not well yet
Dear Anna cheer up there is a bright day
coming be as happy as you can for it will

be so much better for you and your land
all around you it will be brighter before
very long. Now I will go to bed as yet my love
and best wishes I will have this
go right up to

Shenandoah and back I should March 20, 1889
about you troubles why did you not mention
it before I should not wonder if they were
there I hope my dear Anna and Mr. Nelson and Anne,
do then you will get their pretty soon I am sure

a long and nice letter last Thursday was
very glad to learn that all were better and now
I do hope you will get well and strong while
down there and by the time you are ready to
come home you all will be strong and can
stand any of the hard ships that may come
up. I am glad you are having nice and
warm weather there that is more than we
are having as it is dark and cold all the
time but not less our hopes we will soon
have nice weather and can get about but
what ever we want to do

This is Sunday afternoon and we all have
been to Sunday school and church and a very
good sermon from Brother Wadsworth

I hope you will excuse this poor writing and composing as I am writing by candle light and at first there was so much noise I could hardly think. ^{and write} Good night Mary is here with me.

I expect fa is at or nigh home ^{over the ocean} having such a nice home ^{that he will not want to leave it} glad to say I hope they are having a nice time it seems as though I think of fa staying at dear dad and Mr. Edmunds house while they are so far from it I think fa likes you some very much indeed he left home a week ago its very regrettable to me until tomorrow this morning we received a nice box of flowers and a box of plants from your green house I had forgotten you now mean at least we think they came from there as fa was a going to you here before he came home it seems to me bad to think you cannot hand out a box of your nice flowers coming there but I expect you have nice flowers and better than all you have warm and nice weather. Dear Anna & sister a letter this morning from you was very glad to hear from you all but was sorry to learn that dear fa Edmunds is not able to be with the others that are from Mother to be dear children

I will now say good by wishing you prosperity
since our every thing will be easy for you & we
all are ready to bid adieu for a while
I hope to visit my beloved land next fall
Adieu to dear friends, I hope to be back soon

My dear Maria

I expect you
have had a very ^{fine} time at the shavings
and you are well and happy now and
ready for hard work again.
We were all at Sunday school and church
ad went and had very services at
both places Doctor Young continued his
course services this evening he had invited
the ^{Wingfield} Templetons in for evening
services I hardly think I will go as
the church will be so full I think the
Doctor is going in summer the house
is a bout full every service now I
do hope he will grow in favor
with the people and the meetings will
be well attended it seems so much
nicer and better.

Annie is suffering by not trying to read Sunday school class gave her a very pretty
 but I keep catching on her to stop and read I'm glad she had a very kind lady
 tell me the right way so much she can find and each a very nice painting of her
 hardly get to read at all for child? I had a long bunch of Ranges and Series a
 pretty her she has to be bothered so much basket full of Butterworths and a Dunderfly
 with me she is quite busy with her copy tell me very pretty the very lady was called Anne
 O I do hope she will have a good time Miss Mann's receives a very pretty colored egg I think
 and her father will be the best on the it as we need to be remember at all these times
 but I will feel glad when she has but it seems so hard for me to give I do wish
 finished. Jennie is at home to day she it more other sides I do hope you will try
 seems quite well and happy I think he and follow the practice you have taken up
 is learning some thing to write to get it while at school some times I think it
 work this summer Robert will be home would be nice for you if you never
 the 1st as it is his birth day for I would come home to stay but then I hope you
 have to have something nice to give him will help and do as you are doing now and
 at that time he is such a nice boy I it may be you can do better as it may
 think, then I have only seven nice boxes he you can have a better chance to work
 for you I tell our father I am a going at what you want to make as you will
 to get it and see how many I can get not have so many lessons to learn but
 for then to do for Jennie I'm glad she is it may be looking will be harder for you
 get very nice Easter presents we can hardly then books but we will try and help
 tell who sent said but think it was Father all we can. I hope we will have very much
 After now as you know to it was Jennie when you get home to stay well enough of this.

and years may grow better and better and
long as life may last and when they come
to change homes they may at last have a
happy and ever lasting home for ever and
ever my faith is fixed on that we may all meet
all live in such a way we may all meet
and all be happy for ever and ever let us
live for that happy home and life.

Sarah and Theodor would like to go to
New York and see Lewis and now will
it be pleasant for them to be with you now
Dear Anna if not please say so and they can
go some other time just as well I would like
to have Grace go over next February and
then when vacation is here the little boys
go over and come home with her what do
you think of that it would be nice if Jonas
and William would go with them do you
think they could do you think Mr. Edison
would let them well suffer is ready so will
go and see what they have so good by for a
little time after is run and we enjoyed it very
much we left them at the table as the caller
was here and it took so long for her to finish
we left then I hope they will be better than
last time and I will write if it is only a postcard
and I hope to hear from you soon I have just
been to the Chamber work for the National Association

Dear Anna for Mother



Albion, N.Y. May 21, 1882

My dear Anna and Grace

I am so busy I cannot
get time to write a few lines to you but
it seemed every day there was something to
do that takes all the time and makes one
feel very much like doing nothing but
think and wish you and all the dear
ones were at home with us now I often and
often wish you and Mr. Edison was here
now as every thing is so pretty and green
but I think again for your wife and
beautiful home and almost think you could
see my beautiful dear at home but to day
as time was passing I sat at home there
no place like home I thought though it
be ever so beautiful, I could hardly help
thinking of you my dear Anna I wish you were

me to come and see his coal as he has boys, I think we are a going to have a little
it cleaned up so I will have to stop a little, our air and we need it very much so as its
been I am sure I think I will coal in a very dry and so dusty we can hardly keep
pretty a week, Well Darling it seems any thing clean at all we are nearly through
I can hardly get to write at all as Mr. with our hands cleaning the men or some
Harris is or was here and there was of them are on the outside of the house
an old soldier taken by and I had I think it will be a little cleaner when we
to stop and listen to the fife and drum get through but it gets dirty about as fast
it seems as though one can look and as we can clean as there is so much dust
listen all the time if they would clean Pa is at Leaped now he seemed about
wanted me to go and see the R. R. Roadmen as well as come when he left us but I am
downs they are coming out very pretty also afraid he will work so hard when he gets
the Road are beginning to show themselves in the field he will make himself sick I
we just had a letter from Lewis him in hopes that gentlemen that is with
and she says she has seen a great him will take care of him I do has left home
gray. Roadmen but not any as pretty for a little time they are both well and some
and fine as good as Lewis is well and to be happy Mr. Harris was down to see Robb's
strates home the 15th, Harris has a boy and Lewis Friday he takes them down very
on her arm and she is cutting her hair so much and says they are both well and some
to tell she it makes her feel a little bad to be happy, I am so glad my dear ones are
but she loves it very much and she is so needy after and all have all they need
now ceasing to make progress to the little to make them happy I do hope there days

PS I'll have a good party group
come yet I do hope to try and sleep and
rest all you can and not let Misses

London laugh at you if she does I
let her next time I come to your home
tell her to let you sleep and rest and
I will make it all right with when I see you.
Love by

Please accept my love and very best
 wishes take good care of yourself and
 please remember me to all the
 household.

I will close now
with love to you,
love to your mother;
Mother My dear Darling, Anna Maria & Robinson

How glad I am
that I can converse with you on paper
if it is not as correctly done as it
should be I can tell enough that
you may and can understand that
that I do love you and think of you
all the time and would love to do
for you any thing I can do and do
on right I do hope these few lines
will find you feeling a great deal
better than when I or we left you
I did feel a little of and you did
not feel as well as the day before
as well as I wished you would
when I left you but I hope all
is well and all right with you now

I was up thinking I heard you I dreamed and heard you all night also a very often
to day my darling I do love you and yours I can hope both will be happy and I do
don't think of me no any more but that once quiet work to day and
yourself and while you have much started to the Lake so it is rather
nice company as you dear husband god I did console as all the
and what you can not care for any girls are new and don't know much
more at present but get well and about the house or any thing as we have
strong and then think of this and it I don't telephone to Lea and
your house don't try to do a thing Lea they are well and wanted to know
or get around any for a week yet and how you were they are coming over this
then late every thing very slow and evening I expect it will help me busy
early keep this house for a week answering questions, I can tell you
or this moment yet do not let her go it looks rather lively around here
tell you feel right strong and well Lemmie room is full spoiled
and even then if you like her company clacking and the yard all in front
you keep her for you need some covered with that and plastering
one to stay with you that can laugh and all such stuff but I can tell
and talk so every thing will fade you I am glad it is not any more
off cheerfully while dear husband for it is too rough as it is
and all the rest are a way dear dear mine I as wish was just now
China that is what you need is down you over it seems to me I can hear
one to be left lovely and lovely as you talking me all the time wish I
if you like you present company and know if you have called me since I
keep her or get someone else soon, left you all night I could hear you once

you need never feel sorry that you are
here may you and your dear Husband
always like happy, dear and hereafter.
This is Children's day and it is a lovely
day it is warm enough to be pleasant and
every thing has on its summer dress, the
-exercised at the church was very fine
you for think the decorations were never
as nice as to day the church was just
as full as it could be and every thing
was nice and after dinner for lay down
on the Porch and said this is the first
free time I have seen since I came
home it seems every since we were at
your home we have on for has been as
busy as he could be the Panam party
was very nice we took in \$112. don't
you think that pretty good as there was
nothing to bring them hear that is no
commitment particular every one seemed
to enjoy themselves very much it was
surprising to all to see so many hear.

Dear Maria will you please think that
I am for her nice letter to me I would
glad you had your new dress and you
was able to wear it I hope it was all right
and you will enjoy wearing it and Mr. Benson
will enjoy seeing you with it and I am glad
he likes to see you look nice and happy
you cannot look nice without being happy
my one with a sad our look could not look
nice. I hope all are well I did find her
school all right and think she will do it
I hope she will and will enjoy going to school
there. I hope Thomas is better and throat is right
well. Dear Maria I can hardly write at all as
Charles has Prince and two little angels
and Mary our cook has her children help
all by me and it takes my attention so
much I can hardly write at all I will have
to write more to morrow so I will close
for this time hoping this will find you well
also Mr. Benson will me happy and Thomas also
please give my respects to Mrs. Benson and
John, and all all the dear ones in the family.

I am glad to hear that you are
well of course I hope he is not
so badly as we all feared. It seems to
feel pretty well now from your letter.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Howard, come to evening
left pleading with them my respects and hope
we can meet them at some time yet. I hope to
have just as good a time as you are well
enough your letter will call on all
your neighbors and try to feel at
home with all of us. I am glad to hear
you can and have a good time. It is still a
sleep but the hell has rung.

My dear friends and friends

I can tell you

I was glad when I read a letter that
was of your own hand writing not
that I was not pleased with this I
writing and letter but it seemed
old times to me to read your own
writing and I was glad my darling
was able once more to write and
able to walk and look around a
little but I do hope she will be very
careful and not do too much but get
right strong and be sure that you
are able to do what you would like
before you try. I do hope you are a
great deal stronger now than
when you did write me your way.

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not very
I am glad to hear that you are
well of course I hope he is not
so badly as we all feared. It seems to
feel pretty well now from your letter.

complained with them when every thing is dark it some times is the brightest part
of our lives we all love Sunday ^{your dear father} he is a good man and I hope he will be glad to hear there I hope he will not think it strange for me to write
you a letter when your letter came I am now waiting for your letter
to me today I was down taking Brothers to come home it is half past
dinner with Robbie and Louise eleven o'clock you think that late for
Mrs. Lester Threlton was with me then to be out they have gone to
we had a very pleasant time and the Townsies show they think a little
they wanted to know just how of a friend as they have just come
you and Mr. Edisons was they in and are still all over to me
seemed so glad to learn that both I think they changed a good if they
were better I told them I never much of a show attenders well good
saw Mr. Edison seem any better he night we are all going to bed now I hope
was as happy and as well as any you and dear Mr. Edison will rest well
one could be Louise. thinks of coming and feel good in the morning bid each other
to see you and it may be about for me Good morning Maria dear and
Oliver will be with her would you please say good morning to Mr. Edison also
like to have them come now I for me to while I am waiting for the bell
to come I thought you would to call us for breakfast I will try and push
well Jacob is going west and these few lines I am a going to the Congregational
and Oliver said it would be a good deal church to say to tell a brief admini-
tration for her to go Louise wanted they think are a going to have her it looks
but Oliver to come and help drive a little dark this morning but sometimes
with us but she was not well enough such a morning as this makes the bright-
so well Jacob had to come alone day I often think our lives may be

myself and hold it in my hand all by myself as you cannot take touch with me any more, it is a
curious one I do hope it will not rain very long as it makes it seem so long days and time so long
it has been my wish and day for some time to a little rain with the good
effects to be such in August about as well as you self are perfectly pleased
and think you can come now and with these friends tell me all about themselves
staying with them I do wish you could you will tell me what Mr. Edison says also
Cora and I are well and happy, all the other, but this I cannot tell you
Paul and I are at St. Louis, I hope so if not I do hope you felt
at the Lake so no one at home but well when he left and you have taken
Edison John in the car you can imagine good care of your self and have kept
how I feel love some enough, well as try dear mine and keep well if
The received a telegram from you you are well and cannot get tired you
this morning asking about I missed will have every thing all right getting
boat she was to sail in, but you tired makes one feel as though every
did not mention a word about how thing was wrong, can't get tired either
you were why did you not tell me you cannot stand as much pressure
a little about your self and all it seems as you would to but if you keep well
so long since I did hear from you all will be right in a short time, it
I wish I could hear every day if may seem strong that you are not, as
I cannot tell you I do feel so anxious strong as before but it is a fact
to know just how you are if always it will be a little while you will be a little
do me good to know all about you, wish and get tired some strong as it
you are also all the rest of your folks, may seem strong and be careful, the good
have you got your room or roomed care of your health, I am sure I cannot
finished I hope so and Mr. Edison get tired a nicely of time as I am when at you
know when I look of love I have to go tonight

but not will try and look over all
that is not right and have a good time
for a little while ⁱⁿ now he has and
all come love from all ball

We have toward ^{from Mother}
get from the heart. ^{from Ch. Mrs. 28 Dec 1894}

Goodby, My dear Anna and Edwin
I have been expect-
ing and expecting a Telegram
all day and have not received
one yet but I would love to get
one I would love to know if the
little boys arrived safe and all
right and if all are well and
if the doctor and his company
had landed and all right with
them, now you may think I
want to know a good deal well
I do I want to know more yet
I want to know if my dear
Anna and Mr. Edson will
come and spend the Fourth
with Lot and Tomas and all the
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I will close by sending my love to you and all the dearest that are with you, and
all hope to see all of you very soon. I am sorry we are not in better order
rest of us. Mr and Cara Robb be your lot. Mr. Marine is all
and Louie are coming home and very anxious to hear if the boat
now we want you all to come with had landed that had such a second
Louie and the rest that are with you load out, we are all well and
at this time, I am not a going to anxiously wanting to hear from
write a very long letter this time you now hear Maria and the others
as about India and doctor. Car with lot and Thomas he sure and come
as hear also for cause household to stay a while with us any to spend
evening to you see I have to. No doubt all want you all to come to
entertain a little, I am so glad and come for Louie his regards
Mr. Eton and yourself like you. Time did not come home with a lot
new room I cannot see how will be how some time this week, I
any one can help liking it for hope the little boys are good and doing
what I saw of it. I thought it would all they can to make it pleasant for all
be nice. I am so glad you are. I hope also Edie will get the Trisgance
well and can enjoy it and all. fixed all right please tell them all I
can have a nice time together in hope they will all be good children and
it and all the house in fact try to make as little trouble as possible
there is nothing so nice as to be I am so glad Louie is through
well and feel contented and happy please give many best wishes. Tell them
if you are happy all will be happy. Louie was at church but I did not
that are with you may that always get to speak to her she looks well and
all right.

chain's day I come home ~~of course~~ ^{soon} **Come Home!!!!** ~~and~~ ^{if we are here alone, I often think this time I think I would like}
and wonder how you are getting if when you could have you could
along with such a crowd of noisy stop a few days so as to see how
young folks around you what it looks like and see if you like
do. Mr. Edison think of them any it well enough to come early next
way does he think he ever did as year if you can be there we nothing
they do I hope they will not disagree try and be there in time to have
him so much that he never will every thing ready when you come
want them or any other of your long the place so you can be saved
forever come to his home again a hard ride. I expect little Thomas
please tell me all about how they do with not want to come next summer as
of they are good or not - and if Mr. Edison he was much frightened the other
likes them or not - I hope to see you day to with Thomas Edison and some
and Mr. Edison coming home with other little boys got to laughing at
he covered you with cows want you some little thing in the middle of
I hope all of you will get to hear for a very nice sermon and the police
Name put up the statue there I hope they may come and took all of them out
and have a nice time. little Thomas didn't want to go to the
St. James and Grace dot. John F. police man had to lead him and it
Theodore and Thomas are having a nice frightened him very much. He said he
time at the Lake I expect so you think never would do to anyone. The other
you and Mr. Edison will be at the Lake next night a long and all was all right
in a little time they all went home at night



Albion, N. H. 8th Nov 4

My dear Anna

How do you

Dear Mr. Wilson do this Monday morning
I do hope well and both happy and
long lived. I often wonder why we
always say long lived and they are
happy than any other bird if so why are
they I believe I will get the Lord that can
tell us every thing nearly well I have looked
and I think it is because it is a beautiful
bird its feathers are so rich so it is a golden
ed by that that beauty will make one
happy I think it does help but health
has a great deal to do with both and then
there is another or two or three or four and
contentment what is better than that to
make happy.

Well I am sure how as or how are you getting along with house clearing moving and has not returned yet but are you most through I hope so for it is so hard when it lasted long and have you a good cook I wish you could find one for us when you find your own if you have not found one yet not will and are trying to get one to stay leaves the 1st of November I do hope both of us can get good ones,

How is the weather there it is clear and seems but the wind blowed as though it would take every thing before it. Pa is at the office as usual he talks of going to Chicago this week also I wish Jimmie just started to Canton this morning to stay a day or two. Mother comes right a loving with you please went to the River with her they shall tell him he must not work to hard this seem to think a good deal of each other what do you think of them, Eddie started at work in the Rocklingthill this morning I do not know what time

is at he started down town this I think he is a going to take the state and Elective light work, Grace and the two little Souders Miller Brothers are at school trying to store up some book work there is where F. Thomas and Tillman are also I hope they all may make good. Lots of this work now let like her school get one is coming home Thanks giving I would let her if she wanted to I don't think she will be home before Christmas and then we will all be at home I trust and won't have a good time to gather I do hope Mr. Gideon will stay well and be out winter but try and take good care of him self and keep well. Pa and Boba were over with little Mary at all well. Little Mary is growing so fast but grows pretty we think she can stay in the time you will get to be busy

best wishes also goes to Eleanor McEwen. I should
and please and when you write to Mary, please give
my love and best wishes to her. I hope
you don't come home. Come home
young lady to help her to sew and take
care of the baby that is so nice and you
think so dear. Oh yes, I would have some
nice lady to help you sew and help
thing in order it is to much for you to
do and she would be nice company for
you to this long cold winter. You read
play and sing and play with the children
that is enough after looking after all the
things in the house. You ask Mr. Carlson
if he doesn't think so to I am sure Mr. Carlson
loves to hear you play and sing and when
you are tired clear out - you can not
do it and feel all right. Let's have as good
a time as we can while we live if we
enjoy life here and do all we can to make
life happy and useful we will be all right
in the life to come. Let us do as we would
like to be some day! Dear Anna, have you
received your winter fruit of that bag yet?
I wish the bag was like some Tomatoes
like you have if you will let her help
with apples and I wish you would let her to
put in three or four canisters of fruit and
send some so good she would come just
like you. Well, dear Anna, I will say good by to you
and will hope you will write soon. Please say my love to her.

here it is so nice to keep the dear ones
 with us as long as life may last - now for
 can laugh, let music and card as well as
 talk with them. I'll hear it is I am always
 to write to now and hear like Lewis's letter
 Haven't all talking about the room a place
 to print in and also to shift in and it
 is quite arranged to me there - I see what
 they are a doing I think I will stop until they
 go to bed I did think they were going to
 the school when I started but they changed
 their minds John Tolp tomorrow to bed and
 found they were a going out to visit as they
 wanted to go and see little things they thought
 they would not now I think I will have to stop
 you will think so to when you look at
 the other page well good by night bed time
 or will they go to see the school, how they all
 want me to go on and until they say they without
 bother me any more the first thing I will ask you
 is what would you do with such children
 I just think you would know John if you
 should see them in a strange place the day

My dear Anna I will try and write now as
 the boys have started to the school and to
 see Mrs. Folger, they are all well and as busy
 hope these few lines will find you and all of
 you well and happy I can tell you it pleases
 me to read such nice letters from you I
 was or am sorry I could not send the account
 that furnished me from my dear Anna but
 that is right when I do write I hope you will
 correct me I hope you will please excuse
 me this time and I hope to receive letters often
 from you I know your time is all taken up
 as well as mine and it may be more so
 as you have so many more to call and
 you work needed you do much that
 you have very little time to write I am glad
 it is not so hard for you to write you can
 write two or three letters while I can one.
 The Womans Foreign Missionary society
 closed Friday evening we had the church
 and the ladies the church meeting the 1st and a
 lady from Cleveland they came Tuesday evening

so I have not had very much time to write or do any thing else. I will send the paper with a few pencil marked so you can read them and let hours little when is doing I think not will at leave the place would you stay in such a place I think it is to bad after had hard work and doing so much for a place as you sa has done and be treated as he is it is a shame doubt whether so. Dear Anna I see feel ashamed to send this to you but if you might let Mr. Edmonson if I will feel a little better. If I thought I could have time to write this over and on to Dear Anne I would not send it. I do hope you will excuse this and I will try and write again the week and when I am alone Dear Anna I wish I could see you and give you a kiss I want to see you and have a talk with you. Your happiness and dearth. When will come and see us again it may be you sa will hear from this week but I cannot see Dear man he has so much to do. I hope the little boys are well and love to go to school also. Let us well and happy. I expect you will let and Miss Mac. I think but I should think you would be glad they were not with you but I don't know for the boy not but do think it is tedious to have a teacher and one in the house. I think, hope your girls are every thing well right. Well I am a going to sleep. I can write this one I will for your happiness of this.

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Should do this in a shing place the best you can.

A Preface

This is some old fashioned drawing of a woman's face looking at her mirror. Grace is a sister.



This is Barbara's What was it?



Don't you want some cards printed.

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Dear from the the and

18-1891

So may Lardie ask about
you hoped you were well and enjoyed
house keeping they thought it must keep
you quite busy. Please send this
after you are through with it.
Paper to Mair

[illegible]

[INCOMPLETE]

John R. R. 13, 4/84.

My dear friends, Mr. & Mrs. R.

This is another beautiful Sabbath afternoon and all are well and every thing seems to be in perfect place and harmony with the surrounding power. We were all at Sunday School and church as usual and enjoyed the Sunday School and very much. We had Sister Vincent with us. We with the rest of the family are in the sitting room talking over several things while I am in your place and must my head down trying to write a few lines to my dear ones so far from us to day far from

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each other in body seen in mind with a little in it I hope she received
and thoughts I never forget my dear it in new times and is enjoying to write
over let come who may or what ever it small as it was dear child how
may take place the dear was so far strange to think she is 2 years old
away come up first and I cannot or has entered that year how time
help but wish they were with me for she sent us a letter the other day
and could hear and talk with us telling us a little of her troubles she
and enjoy sitting around the fire thinks she is not doing as well as she
and able sleep with us but I am or we would like but she sleep she is
glad my dear Mina has all these a going to steady harder and try to learn
beddings and a house far nicer now she thinks she has been having it to
than over on her old house but with lady ever since she has been there she is very
all that I wish her she and her anxious for Grace to learn all she can
were with her once in a while any this winter. I am so sorry that Leah has
way and we could all have a good old left and for I do think she would have
fashion talk and laugh to gether, her such a help to her. I like and
I am so glad dear Mamma has the little boyd I think she was a good
such a bright smiling birthday Teacher I wish we could get brown and
I hope she enjoys every moment like her I am glad the little boyd like
of the time we sent her a basket thus dearest and is learning how to read
let seem to be in her letter writing and

[INCOMPLETE]

can tell a good deal how they are doing by
this letter. I am sorry she thinks she has
not time to write to Grace any more and so
often for I think writing is quite a good way
to learn to hold to hold your thoughts and
to write and spell it is a very pleasant way of
improving spare time it is good most every way
as far as I am I would not do without what little
I do have for my thing I have of and I am so
glad my dear ones can both spell and write and
compose so well I never get a letter from
my dear ones but it cheers me and makes
time pass more pleasantly on the account of some
cheerful words in thought.
I hope these few lines will find all well and happy
to say less than the good effect of me to share I think
your but you may think I am a good friend
now I am a little afraid I cannot get my feet
come but still being and I have been wondering
if you would not rather have come after the
holidays when everything is quiet and one
hardly know what to do with themselves I have
been thinking of you and though I would ask you
and as as you would rather I should as I feel
most of mind the better and you self to well
feel ashamed of me I can neither say anything
nor do anything that is worth anyone's attention
or time you have so many with you all the
time I feel afraid. I hope you had a very nice
time at the dance we had a very pleasant time
I was not a mixed party at least not by a wide
margin if some it needs,

Chen. W. No. 1, 7, 1889.

My dear Anna

After reading your

letter I feel afraid you will be
disappointed when you read this one
I don't give last Sunday so I will
only write a few lines telling you
not to give up for I am coming
just as soon as Miss Treacoman
can get my dress done that is
if you don't think so. I wrote to
you last if you would rather I
would come now I will but if
you think after the 15th days it
may not be thus as it is here if
you remember it always seems so.

Love to all

quiet and not much of any thing going
 on just as you say and think will be
 the best for me as I am a little afraid
 Clara thinks she can not come with
 me they were all over for dinner to-
 day and all were well and seemed
 happy I hope Clara will come with me
 but I feel afraid she will not.
 now dear Anna cannot come in the least
 nor think I without cause for I will
 soon as I get my shoes I feel
 ashamed to come as I am and will
 feel that way when I do come but
 I need something so much I think
 I cannot come with it.
 Well Mr Pat has gone to the train
 for the doctor that is doctor Vincent
 he will be with us until Thursday
 after noon we are going over to
 Miss Bathurst Phillips for such
 this noon or at one o'clock and
 to the lodges for supper so you
 see this day is pretty well taken
 up we also had a bid to Mrs Ryalls
 for supper this evening but the others
 were first so we cannot go to her
 supper for which I am very sorry
 as I expect it will be quite nice then.
 dear Anna I have been ironing
 and I feel in a little hurry my
 hand trembles and in a hurry makes
 poor writing here I hope my darling
 will please excuse this I felt as though
 I ought to write a little right away and
 let you know how it is with me and
 I did not want you to feel disappointed
 for I will be there soon or when
 you think best I love my dear ones
 there and want to see them I leave believe
 me when I say so, I am so lovingly
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 for supper this evening but the others
 were first so we cannot go to her
 supper for which I am very sorry
 as I expect it will be quite nice then.
 dear Anna I have been ironing
 and I feel in a little hurry my
 hand trembles and in a hurry makes
 poor writing here I hope my darling
 will please excuse this I felt as though
 I ought to write a little right away and
 let you know how it is with me and
 I did not want you to feel disappointed
 for I will be there soon or when
 you think best I love my dear ones
 there and want to see them I leave believe
 me when I say so, I am so lovingly
 yours
 Love of for th

Albany, Ch. Aug. 1838.

My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Estlin

Here I am at my old place and at my old pleasure I call writing to you a pleasure for what other way as good as writing to dear ones it is next best to being with our dear friends. I know I make a great many mistakes both in composing & spelling and am a very poor writer but I know I do not in anything with my dear ones and they look it all over and say but very little if any thing about it and I feel as though they will when I write to them.

I do sincerely wish you all that this morning for the first
 a happy New Year no doubt but time we did not do our new minister
 you all have enjoyed this day Mr B. Vincent we enjoyed his
 as it is the first day of the week talk very much it was only a
 and the mouth end of a long time talk as he said he only gave
 the year I hope the sun is as bright his first appearance among his
 there will you as hear with us this new weekend as a talk hoping
 morning when we first awoke it to get better accounted in that
 was rather dark and gloomy but way they all seemed to like the church
 as the time passed by it grew brighter and the people, they have just
 and lighter all the time so now left hear as they thought they had better
 we are enjoying a very beautiful go and get ready for evening by a all
 afternoon, I do sincerely trust well and seem to be contented with
 that will be our good fortune if there is
 there is a dark cloud if not any well my dear ones you don't know
 larger than a pin head it will how much I have thought of all
 all be cleared away and nothing from little William up to both
 but happiness and love left Mr. Edson and have wandered

all were and if those that have
just been there making so much
work and disturbances all through
the house was missed or thought
of to day I think we will be missed
on a count of the noise a few
minutes while there with you. I guess
I don't have to speak of the difference
in our homes both in looks and
ways. It seems so different in every
way. Grace said she thought she
could hardly leave as she wanted to
stay another day any way but she
thought she had better come to get

ready for work. I think she will
feel relieved when she has gone
through that great hard talk of
standing up before so many and
reading something of her own
composing. Dear Anna why
not you and Mr. Gibson come
and witness her affair. & on
the stage now with out any fear
why can't you come it will do
you so much good as come.
you can leave just as well as
not say that time now as come
in the same way to come and
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How to obtain the Lear. 6000,

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stay as long as you can you
work will all be so any good
house can take care of the
house and Mr. Edison's work
will be about fixed as he will
like it to now as our here
we will look for good.

I will now let dear Luce write
on the rest of this paper with you a
happy New Year and good luck in any
way I will close ^{for the present} from either

Dear Maude,
I wish now
you had come home
for I should like
so much to have
you with me.

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Impossible to ask you
how you recited those
idiotic lessons. Do
you have to know
all of them so that
you can recite
them right off in
class. I would like
to know very much
for I don't want to do
more than is nec-
essary.

Write to me soon.
I would write longer
if it were not so
late & I had any
thing to say.
Love, your son

8
am fully sorry my
stock is exhausted -
With much love
and a Happy New
Year, I remain,
your devoted sis -
Grace -

Am. Ch. Socy, 1888

My dear Anna Maria Benson

What is the matter

that I have not had one letter from
my dear ones and that I so short
a time ago had such a nice time
will did you not get so tired of
me that you do not want to write
any more to me I would love so
much to have one more letter
any way I know I bothered you
so much when with you and so
many of us there to it makes a
great deal of work and takes a good
while to get in order after they
leave I have thought of you very

and night and have wished I
could hear from you I do hope
you and all are well I expect you
miss the school girls as they
were the last to leave I hope they
are well and pleased with their
school I have had only one
short letter from Marion since
I left her.

We are all well and we have a
plenty of mud and rain to get
on it was so foggy we could hardly
hear while others were in
get around we had a few Ladies
in for Lunch and it was so
dark with fog they could hardly
see any thing or let how to get
home it is a little clearer but
yet there is fog and mud yet
the little boys have a notice
in there I hope a boat a new

with the the others was just then and I got 3
times over a place after she had just been from
Lillian's school she never never I don't think she
given all good by me I hope she will be
my married couple you will read the
it in there later so I will just say
that our father was over to the
Hotel to see the heart-broken man
with his bride safe on the car
poor man he had to go all the rest
of the way alone I guess we could
say she looked so nice they dressed
her in one of her Wednesday dresses
it seems sad to think of it
we were having a nice time
deep sorry and very near to
that is the way this life is one part
knows but little of the other part
Well I will not write any more of this now
but will close by adding you to believe
me when I say I love you and think
of you all the time and would like
to hear from you just as soon as
convenient please write by bus and best

As I have wrote this to day if
could get a letter from you I
want one same
O yes did you get a book
from home or friend

thought it would rather seem like home
again. We are having such muddy
weather as had to have the gas lighted
in the church this morning for it was so dark
we could not see hardly anything. We liked
our new minister very much this morning and
all think he will do well here. My son & sister
the Jones very much like the singing.

Mr. Edison could come and attend
commencement. I think it would please
Dear Grace so much and I do think
it would do you good to come home
a little while and get a little rest. Have
you some one a sewing for you and
and do you like to do so. She seem to
understand what you want and need.
I do hope you have someone that can
get every thing all right. I do feel alone
of myself. I did so little if anything but
make trouble and work. This does
begin to seem a little more like home
it did seem so strong to me at first I

have you heard from the College girls yet.
I hope both are well please give both my love
and best wishes when you will to them. I shall
think I will write a few lines to Annie and
Ella. Give them my love and wish you all the good
luck the little world can give. I am on 8th Nov 8th 1889.
Please give my love and best
wishes to Thomas and William. Tell them that
of them very often. I fear your
business is a little of a strain on you. I fear you
will think I am over doing the
writing matter. You will think that
better wait until I am done your work
like me to write to you but I am
going on the old like. I have
as I have been asked to do quite
many times in factored times.
I want to thank you for the
trouble and kindness of sending
that box and so many nice things
on it we have to come and visit these
colored papers mixed in different things
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ing before the glass and it looked
very pretty all around it all. I think to hear some now and then good
we must have had a very pretty bit
how did you like what Robt and happy every thing in good order
and James send you and also
what they sent us we like and very well and feel well and are
much. I think I must have
worked rather slow and it must
be hard on the eyes, not received
the boxes yesterday the boys like and keep home for it is very hard to get
the boxes very much. I do hope good washed and ironed, dear Anna
we will get a letter very soon
telling us whether you received
the money and the book and also
telling us about every thing at
your dear home I feel very anxious
to hear from you we have had only one so I can find it and know what
a very short letter from Maria

since I must arrive home I do
newly I do hope you and all are well
and happy every thing in good order
now as I trust. I am at home
and ready for work please remember
to be and all the others they are pretty good
girls I do hope you can keep them long
and keep home for it is very hard to get
good washed and ironed, dear Anna
what was that party called that you
and the boys went to some at your
home I have tried to find it in the
dictionary but it seems as though I
cannot get it right please tell
it and I will learn it and you and

[INCOMPLETE]

I will close for the present as I feel a little tired hope you and all are well and happy love to you and all be careful of yourself I will now say good by please expect to hear from me soon and good night to you Mother

at home, Ch. Jan. 11th, 1858.

I'll be in a minute
 and give you my thing
 that I wrote for
 you. Thank you
 so much for what
 will give me
 can do.

My dear Anna and Mr. Edison

Dear Anna was
much glad this morning in seeing
the long looked for letters. We
received one from you and dear
Hattie and one from sister Lucy.
So I received three letters from
three dear ones. ones that always
makes me feel glad to hear from
and know they are well and content.
Dear Anna I feel glad if you can
find one little thing that I care to
write with you but I don't give
me credit of doing things that
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[INCOMPLETE]

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I did not do as much as I love
to try to do some little act of
kindness. I do not want to take
what does not belong to me. I
do little while with you. I expect you do make time pass by very
well. I might keep still and get
all I can as for that. I can
screw I did not know any thing
a lot of it there must have been
more than one set of hands
with you and no doubt that
did more than these poor than
ghilled hands did or ever can
do for you. I am not that the
hands would not be willing to
do any thing but the ^{love} hands
do slow over hard to understand
and let what I could do after

3

it is to late. Dear I am glad
you do not feel love some and
dead if you did I would let do
to work or having something to
fast and some times very pleasant
it is better to have something
on hand that will cheer than
litt idle and wonder what to do
I hope my dear will take good care
of these poor than I am very glad you got these
things you mentioned for do
read them. I would so
to get them while I will
but for some to feel so poor
I was afraid to go and have
in Chicago or business they

[INCOMPLETE]

were left well when they left me, I do
hope you are better of your cold I am better
the doctor said I might get up to day so
I am improving the day with trying to write
a few lines to each of my dear ones as
I receive a letter from each and the
first since Harris went back to school
I was glad to hear from both and thought
I would write to both I hope you will
excuse all mistakes, we are all well
now and hope this will find all well
at your dear home, it must be long
by to go to church all alone I wish
you could have some one to go with
you it would be so nice if Mr. Edison
could hear better I do think he would
enjoy going with you the boys would
pass by so much more pleasantly
if all could go to church and
enjoy what they hear, Annie and
Charles have gone to Colwell and the
get hear Grace dress handsome is

go to my 9-a-6 truck about the day
does doubt you that some of your folks
can go and as just as well but if you
go I know that Thalhanna would
be very glad to see you I wish you
could go in it would please her much
well I am sure I do think you and dear
Mr. Edison for the very next time
close by for Grace but although
seems to get along very well
I wish you and Mr. Edison could
come and hear her that day I thank
for the invitation you gave me to
come and hear that little boy but
I think I will wait until I can come
and hear ^{her own} that little voice that is
affection at your one home I think
that will please me better than
glad you are a going to hear Miss
London come to see you I hope she will
take good care of you I am glad
Annie will be with you soon it may
be to visit you and I hope so soon.

Dear Anna I will only write a short letter this
time as it makes me feel a little better and I want to
write a letter to dear Anna. I hope the little boys like
their little books and as read them I would like
if I were there I would read with them please
give them my love and best wishes tell them
I hope they will grow to be very strong. Oh May 10, 1888
Good and useful men always doing for others
they would like to be something.
Please give my love to Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Wilson
and best wishes something of his is another thing
with the children for the
Babak in 1888 just think how time flies
it seems as only yesterday we were all
wishing each other happy things I
wonder if we all have been happy so
far this year if nothing has taken
place to mar our feelings and we
have almost made up our minds
there was no use of trying to do right
evil is always present and first
to be at work I trust it has not
been hard for us so far all has
been bright and easy to do right
15-8850

I was glad you were having down us to day I hope you can get everything you will
most of them, we want to have a little company with you. I hope if you can tell me
something nice that I can do I would be glad to accept it. I would like to entertain me by
I think it is a grand thing to do how he could keep up we were all at
to do right if we can live every Sunday school and church. This year
day knowing we have a right to moving and enjoying it very much.
do right it will always be easy with every one could go to church
for us and nothing will be hard it is such a pleasant place we can hear
for us I am trust that will be in a great deal there, poor Mr. Glover
our lot this year through and as had to take his little folks along
long as this life may last and to day how sad when one is left
when done hear below we will visit a lot of dear little children it seem
be well qualified for the work to us as though there all was gone others
be ours hear after, I hope these children may try to do for them but what that is
will find half of my dear children not my Father or Mother, how glad I
in good health and happy with each other one that I could have my dear Father
and others that may be with them you are a mother until I was Mother myself.
R and Lea got home Friday morning. We are having quite cool weather to day
about 4 o'clock so has a very sore but very little snow we are looking for
and we have it tonight in it we hope this storm will not. Tuesday. Love
it will soon be better it seems things read you very nice letter to me

as soon as Miss Sturges is able to
take him I hope these two boys
will make somewhat more good allies.
Dear Olive did Lewis leave her
recalls case at your house, where she
was there she has lost it some place
and did dear Miss get a pair of
Gloves for Eddie I thought ^{some} ^{one} ^{will} ^{soon} ^{see}
but he has not received them it
may be I am mistaken please let me
know and all will be right Eddie is
in St Louis he and Cara and
little Margaret as well and seem to
be contented they feel so fond of
that little chair and little Margaret
looks so pretty in it both together
makes a pretty picture, well dear I
will close for this time as both letters
will be all you will want to read some
I feel sorry for the kind of care at
sewers side we cannot have a good
education and good health, well good

we all join in sending love and
good wishes to you and all by and
take good care of you self and others
I am glad the doctor is well again I
hope he will take good care of you and the
children. We all feel a little homesick
sometimes I hope we shall be getting
each other and my Landina and Sam
have a good time please tell dear Anne
tell me every thing ^{from} ^{the} ^{other}
I am a going to tell you the truth
I have been under the weather a little
as you will see when you read
the letter that I wrote for
me last week but it got laid
a side some way and did not
get started to you I will send it
to you now so I read not say
any thing more about myself only to
tell you I am all right now and
the reason I did not write on Sunday
was that you for Mr Vincent and
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Mrs Lake and myself went down into town but as I can say or do I cannot
Jonnson came to attend the dedication of the church to go to sea when brought
of a church Monday we were all it is to had our dear ones will stay
getting ready for a little company in up so late at night an hour before
the evening and yesterday I with 12 is better than all the rest after
you for took dinner with them and that now we are all well to day
the Vincent do I cannot take and do hope all are as well to day
time then to mind but thought home. Lemmie Linnis this time
of it all the time now you see and M. Linnis are going down to sea
after reading this that there is not Robt. Linnis anniversary for
very much of any thing the matter and I think we would rather go on
with me all talk more than other times and I don't think it
any thing else pleads don't worry would be well for. Grace so well
about me in the lead my darling at home with her dear child
but do try and take the very best she will soon be through with
care of you self for is well also. Mr school in whom I do hope
his hand is most well he had she will do well we had a very
a long trial on it the doctor is taking good letter from dear Mamma
care of him now I hope he will she feel very good with her prospects
soon be all right as I can see. John and Thomas are all right
every day he is improving a little also. John commences Latin just

I would like to write to dear Maime and
about Lucy yet and it is a little late so
I will promise to write some again to
you and write to the other dear ones to
please excepting love and best wishes
I mean lot of you and John & Mother
please give my love to John and
Mother tell them I hope they are good and
love to go to school. My dear Maime and John
and learn their books so I was glad to
hear from you through dear Lucy
she received a letter yesterday and
she said it was for me so I have
it as I do it all the other self
gifts from you I was so glad to
learn that all were as well as ever
I do hope these few lines will find
all well and happy to day and
not worrying over dreams or any
other thing we must take our de-
ar ones contrary and always look
on the bright side of every thing
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let life be a dream always & cheer father and mother I thought for a
my and making every one happy and although a little last evening they seemed to
doing good to all around, I did wish have a good time and day the day is
so much that you and Mr. Ellison good, I expect James has told you
was with us commenced today all the news as the commenced he later
we think Isaac did well also yesterday but I will tell you James
almost all the class Isaac received and I went to Father Merrill's funeral
so many very nice presented all Friday at 12 o'clock he did look so
so good but we all missed you - nice it seemed as though he was just
and Sam Harris so much but taking a pleasant sleep for the Father
that is the way things will work is very well and I have heard a great
some have some will have to make may say she could not last very long
the best of them and hope all is as she is we did not get to see any of them
right, The were all at Sunday school but the Father he came down just
and church this morning and enjoyed as we was a going to leave I do feel
the service very much, we are so sorry for Isaac and Mrs. Merrill she is so
having quite a good deal of snow patient and good, we are all well I do
now and it looks very much as hope you without worry in the least
though we were a going to have more about us but you will take the best
before night Eddie and Lemuel with of care of yourself try and keep well
Emma Cholebaker and other young ones as happy as a young bird all
time don't let any thing worry you

I do wish you could be with us it that
would be jolly but it I glad it is better
at this so we will be contented and
have a good time any way wanters
dear they would all be glad to help
us nicely everything as you have
we think Grace did very very well and
in fact all said but Grace did better better
than all the rest and she looked very
sweet all the girls were dressed in
white and all looked very well but

some of them had so much trimming
on their dresses that didn't look very
neat. Grace was quite plain but pretty

I hope you can see her with it on
Grace read with a loud and clear voice
she thinks she reads to loud but all
the others think not. she is very busy
standing with Miss Angell but I do hope
she can come and stay with you a little
time it will do both good, we Roddie
send you a paper about the school and no good
very very if not I will get one and send

It was to had a boat those books
but don't worry me not a bit anything
but be happy and contented and all
will be right

When Ch. Feb. 1, 1872

My dear Dinah and Edson

O how I do
wish you could come this far west
Mr. Edson: wouldnt we have a good
time if I was sure it would not
hurt you I would say come by
yourself but I fear so we will do
all we can to have Grace go and stay
with you while Mr. Edson is gone
now my dear I do wish you was
as well as I am I feel better than I
have for some time past I think
that little sick I fell and no good
and I think doctor underwood is

a good look to him very well and
all of us are now at good night
with that little felt for your arms but
would all feel so glad I do hope all
will be right with you and it is not
very long now until we will know
all a bout what is a going on at present and Lino with Grace went to
with you big me take good care of your
self and keep well and be happy
and contented. Theoder did receive
that very nice and pleasing gain
and he with all the rest enjoy it very
much and Theoder has commenced a
letter to you full of thanks but
has decided in sending it we will
him to thank you and the Editor
for such a nice remembrance. Miss
Elder and Miss Anna Althudahn
with Mr. Huron and Louis Elder's
where Theoder had a very lively time
with it last evening and Edwin is full when it comes to sleeping

last the best to be had to beat all
with an oyster shell so all went
over quite took a top of our side
and then went to bed and had
there oysters I think they had a
very lively time Miss Anna
and Lino with Grace went to
the young folks dance meeting
but Anna said it was that much
better for them for they had a good
meeting and all the rest as they did
she thinks it paid to be good I
think she is a very lively and
good girl I like her very much and
expect a honest full to morrow
as well as Jacob and that of his
Robbin Louie with the young
lady's Ira and Eva and all
the Canton folks will stay all
where Theoder had a very lively time
with it last evening and Edwin is full when it comes to sleeping

W^h I think twice I should and it may be true
is writing to you it may be true will be at your
house this week little Margaret has a very
sore face I fear she cannot come
with her as she is but otherwise I hope
to come if it was not for that I should like to
I hope some one will be true to duty
yourself Mr. Brown is a way if not I hope
and will take a good rest and be as
contented and happy My dear Anna will be as
as any one can be possibly, I believe I like

the old kind of a pen and
this is so said and had to
write with it as it will not mar
plain makes half of the time
but it is very kind in the letter
in to give this to me and try
to make it as easy as possible
for me to write you may it
seems like a shame that he
cannot get more money and
things to live on he is so kind
and ready to do for all kind of
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wonder what he and I would
with as with them do away now
I see now for but as both are
good and love to do what they
can for others there is something
the matter. Well I will quit the
subject and pass along just
this see I have made a mistake
with my paper and I did not notice
it until I had the page finished
you will please excuse me this
time but my dear I am afraid
I ask you this request is
often you will be tired of the
question or request I think I
will take my old pen I may
have better luck I will try
the old pen and then you
please let me know which
you like the better so good
bye with this pen or still I
hear from you again.

I can assure you I received your lovely letter this morning and I can assure you I and all the rest were glad to hear from you and learn that all were as well as could be expected. I do hope dear little Thomas is better if not well of his cold by this time. please tell him for me that he will have to be very careful now as the time is near when there will be nothing but cold water and mud all over the ground. he had better play in the house and keep warm and dry until it is warm and dry out-
wood also. I can assure little William had better so to get all your play things to gather and have a good time with them in the house it will be warm and dry and there is no snow.

O how I wish you could come home but it may be the best for you to stay at home and take good care of your self. I wonder glad you enjoyed the meeting. I do wish you could get to attend more we are a going to start union meetings next week but it seems as though meetings in each church would do me more good but it may be if I see right these meetings will do us good and be better for others we will hope so we were all at Sunday school and preaching this morning and enjoyed both the Sunday school and preaching oh Vincent gave us a good plain talk it was very good, Mr. Wolf and Mr. and Mrs. Pugh. The house was a good full this evening we have praise services it will be good there is no doubt I do miss my darling so much in the church I often and often wish they were both there so I could see and

has made up her mind not to write to
you I want her to write to the boys often
but cannot get her to do so I want her
to write to Lot I think it would please her
if I was a better writer or speller I would
write to her often will you please remind
me to her when you write to I do hope she
will grow to be a good and useful woman
and I do think she will if you will tell her
your affections. I still hear good of her. I
hear from her. I will not write her
place thus every Sabbath and as long
as she is there it will seem pleasant
to look thus and listen to her sing-
ing but Oh how soon she will
a way and no sweet voice of either
our dear ones can we hear there it
will seem more lovely than ever but
we will listen and see if we can
not hear these sweet voices ming-
ling in with others and it may be
singing the same sweet words. I
am so glad we all can have the same
love and all wisdom. Father to you and
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heard and will be with us where ever
we may be what a good thought we
have the same but go where we may
and in what ever circumstance to do well is a very good matter
we may be placed we can call on the we think Mrs Vincent may succeed but
same for help O let us ever trust it will be quite a task I fear as there
in his loving kindness and helms are so many things on hand although
he doeth all things well and good for I do not go to say many as yet but I
then that trust in him. I trust was over to the knitting party brother
we many all meet where all shall be day and it was a very pleasant affair the
love piece and joy I hope all my church parlors were nearly full and all
lean ones that are far from there seemed to enjoy themselves very much
old bones lean on canth are well Lean down if you could only look
and happy to day and are preparing in and see Theron and I and the
for a happy home at home. Table that we are sitting by you

I was over to a Mother meeting would think you ought to have a note
that Mrs Vincent is trying to start dealers of needles and something will
in the church Bora and I was to reading it amused me to look at the
gather as she was over and she paper pencils and books one would
Alvin cut gave us a list of to consider this we were doing something of
it is this ceases to do evil learn great importance I am so glad Theron

I will tell you before this and be as on
 as will tell you more than I can think of
 I want to say I am afraid I am. I have
 not understood you and she will not give
 as much of my love and best wishes as I
 would like her to. I hope you will feel
 the copying love and best wishes of all
 and that you will please come to me & say
 the best little thing I can think of. I hope you will
 be good and happy. My love to you all
 and all in your family.
 I am glad to hear you are all well and
 I hope you will be as well as I am. I hope
 you will be as well as I am. I hope you will
 be as well as I am. I hope you will be as well
 as I am. I hope you will be as well as I am.

ill written and composed and for aught
 times I speak of all these misgiving
 nes but I feel as though they will
 all be looked over and what ever
 may be in these lines may cheer and
 if it could be made your life seem
 as bright and beautiful as the bright
 sun of the present time makes our
 room at this time it seems so good
 to be able to sit at the little keyboard

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100 lbs. will serve for milk and
 feed all our dairy cows in any
 season. I will not care to grow well
 crops of corn and grain but to grow more
 alfalfa and timothy for feeding
 our dairy stock and to make hay for
 our dry cows and young cattle.
 I will go out to the farm soon and
 determine the plan that we are to follow.

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the words "I love you" and write this
letter to you and this is the first
time I have been able to sit down and write
for a long time and expect to have the
sun so bright and cheery in fact we
have not seen the sun for so long it seems
as though we were in an other place and
we could not say enough about it & hardly
can tell you we miss him hear with
it. If we could only have such
light and cheerfulness in us how
different this life would seem and be
to us it did cheer me so much to
read your lovely letter the other day
were all over to read for dinner what
dear Anna can I do thank dear Mr. Edwin
for his love to me I would love to
please him and be able in some way
to keep his respect and good wishes
I cannot say his love for I cannot think
any more what shall I do, tomorrow
I am worthy of his love or any one else
as there is not a good thing I can do but
you dear Anna can and I do trust
you will always be able to keep his
love for Anna to go to place do it may

and you will or can win her closer and
closer every year you may live
together that is our prayer may it be
with you and Mr. Edwin and your family?
I expect you are having quite a merry
time now with those two lively girls I
just think we had no one to take
dinner with us to day but Mr. Marvin
pa Robert and Thos. Sumner is in
Denton Elder's Thine Long Vincent
and Mr. Vincent were all over to read for dinner what
dear Anna can I do thank dear Mr. Edwin
for his love to me I would love to
please him and be able in some way
to keep his respect and good wishes
I cannot say his love for I cannot think
any more what shall I do, tomorrow
I am worthy of his love or any one else
as there is not a good thing I can do but
you dear Anna can and I do trust
you will always be able to keep his
love for Anna to go to place do it may

not leave our duty and work better than
a week or month under pressing to go and
be wiser every day and I trust we are gain-
ing in grace and love and wisdom all
the time. Dear Anna I do hope dear John
and our children are both better and in fact
well if it is rather a task to have him back
at once in a house and dear little boys
that can hardly take the time to keep
well long enough to get well. These wishes
good help and they will take good care of
the little boys and you will take care of
self and Mr. Edison that is enough for present
present some times I feel afraid and have
to much company and Grace had better
come home I had no idea Anna was
a going to stay so long. Grace was
consoling her self on being a good
long visit with you she said she had
not been alone with you and you
were married she will feel disappointed
I am afraid now dear if you are tired
of Grace or being company let Grace
go and stay a little time with Anna.

Well leaving I will close hoping you are just as
happy as this life can make us as you fear
James' bones and more your dear husband
will be a happy day and time for all that and
will you and me time along with dear Anna
would like to hear often from you and that
if you cannot put letters often. On Feb 18/83
I don't but while dear Grace is with you she can
write for you. Let her tell me every thing please
I feel my love and best wishes and let Mr. Edison
for me and ask him to please say - My dear Anna and Mr. Edison
my love and best wishes and I just received
love to her and able to love little John. I hope to write
a letter from you dear Anna was
and was glad to get it and now if I
can say one word that would cheer
or make life more easy for you I
will be glad to do it right now
and write a few lines to you. I
will try and it may be I can get one
word in that will help you but if
I cannot I hope you will not think I
don't want to help you in some
way. Mine is flying fast and I will
not be long until you shall be with each
15-8883

other that is if you want me at that time I feel that I am of less little use to you or any one I had better stay at home if I can do any thing in the least I will be glad to be with you I hope you and all are well and happy.

Well Dear Anna

I was stopped yesterday so now I will try my luck but I honestly think you will think of me to day as you have your dear papa and holds a women's meeting at the church tract mit you and I know when they get started they are grate full and a good company I expect and hope all were at church and enjoyed it I do think going to church is a grate help and comfort and a privilege we should not miss if possible to help it if Mr. Edman could bright and all we are enjoying this here better I would minist on his life as well as last Sunday and we are going but I know it is hard and not one week better in our lessons and

pleased to go my place and not here what he said but if he could make up his mind to go for rather it would be good and you would feel better and more comfortable but we will try and be content and do all the good we can at home and where ever we can we had a very good

Sermon and Sunday school every evening and in fact all the time is taken up with various meetings the thirteenth day all cannot get in at our place so they will try this way hoping all can get seats at least get in. The sermon was not quite as bright as last Sabbath but it is pleasant at home I hope it was bright and all we are enjoying this life as well as last Sunday and we are

and Shirley Ann. We'll see Anne as
she and Clara are coming over soon and
I want to write a few lines to them and
don't forget I will close these few lines to
you hoping you are all well and be happy
please accept my love
from Mother to her dear ones,
from Father to her dear ones,

My dear Maria and M. Eliza

and dear Lucy and
Thomas and William. I will only write
a few lines as you father is here and
he has so much to talk about and
tell us we or I cannot write as I
want to hear what he has to say. I
am so glad to have father with us and
seeing to be as well. I hope he
is as well as he looks he has
enjoyed his trip or visit with
you very much and says all is
well with you. I am so glad that
all are well with you and I hope
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few lines will find all of you heard of my being sick. That I am
 well and happy yet I think dear is not well. Lennie and I were in
 Ottawa you and Eliza Gracey will be to see her and we thanked her for
 some a good time this week as I am as good as you wanted to see you self.
 hope you will have the time by she said it was not worth a thank but she
 you selves and you can do about was glad if it pleased you, we are all
 as you please and when you in the sitting room around the fire as
 please I also feel as though I it is quite cool and unpleasant it would
 will get more letters from my 2 March weather I am so glad it is so
 darling is telling me every thing, for it will be pleasant when it shows
 We were all at church and Sunday to be at least we think so, so we
 school as usual. Please tell Gracey telling me a little about you. I believe
 I meet or sitting camp to me now I do think it must be lovely. She
 not asked a word for and wanted and when it is dark and dreary as
 to know when she would come. He knows you and all can go there and
 home she wanted her to bring enjoy the bright sunshine that may
 and come as she wanted to see her show them selves there and there will be
 I think all as well as I have not many of them around if we only will look

hope to go through with I trust our dear
children may grow to men and women
good and be a blessing to the world they
may always shoot the light and be happy
in doing good to all around them. Well
dear Anna I don't know whether that letter
told you or not as far as I could find out I
but I will just say it may be far with half
and does give the week when will I can
come home I want to see her and I
had shot himself he is only 15
years old and was up at Anderson
school and shot himself Sunday
night but his parents did not hear
of it until after noon. Oh how sad they
do feel and it caused a shadow all
over the town no one can tell why he
did so only he was to speak a piece that
Saturday afternoon and he did not want
to not all feel sorry for the parents and
his brother, I expect it is a lesson for
us to study and understand how to
do for the dear ones we have to take
care of. Oh may we never have such

poor are quite a number asking when I am
in coming home please give her long love and let
me know if she is there when you get this and I
want you and dear Mr. Edison will not and be
little to get to heart of getting but and let
me know I will write soon again to you
my dear Anna I was so glad to hear of the
little Margaret's choir and I can only say I
like it and all the rest of it is a little beauty
and little Margaret. My love to you and Mr. Edison
I am proud of it, please write soon. Anna Grace
over you very kind and welcome with
telling me how much please you
was to receive a big good kind of mail
your feel that you had a place in
the family now my dear I am glad
if that little act made any difference
in your feelings in that way and if I
can do one little thing that will make
you and Mr. Edison will be dear
children feel that you are ours and
this is your home I will be glad to
do it though it be ever so small thing
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I want my dearburgers to feel and are watching on the beautiful green grass
know this is, therefore, and this are some how good to make of all things is ours
to every thing in it and all of us will try to make every thing so pleasant and joyful
to see good dear and will try to do all we can for us in the winter we can have more
can to please you, I expect you and know and goodness for studying and doing
Dear Gracey have had a grand good we can learn so much every day but
time this last week you being all when we are alone and just it is then
about you could say and do just that they do us the most good, well then
as you please and when you please think it may be good to be glad to hear
how nice it is to be free and easy how we are all at home well we are all
I hope when dear Annam gets well and were all at Sunday school and
home she can join your party and church as usual and if it had not been
all enjoying being together Mother and for such a sad affair that has just
daughter and sister and dearburgers happened we would all enjoyed the
feeling as one and wishing each day very much as we had the opportunity
other happiness and joys through life and it was communion day but oh
helping each other to improve every it seems we have to have better will
moment to the best advantage as it be what all through this life joy and
swiftly passed by just think how long go to gather yesterday after noon
past times fly so soon we can hear the dinner telephone over to us
the beautiful bird singing while we telling us that all flowers under us

Well dear, this I do hope this time night find you and
Mr. Eison well and happy who knows all good and
every thing in order according to the forewarn
have had a very hard time there in Michigan due
to Semricks get to your house Monday as
you expected I hope let any way if you had
any ready for them if it had to be any other way.
Well darling will say good by if may be home
will start the night the work we was afraid to stop
soon as it was so. My dear Maria and Mr. Eison
had to get through slow going this is a lovely
place every thing new but often miss the other of the
Sabbath afternoon dear I wonder if the
sun is as bright and lovely there as
here and if all are as well as here if
so it is a happy day and we have
a great reason to be thankful for the
many blessings he is continually
bestowing on us we cannot realize the
many favors he does for us let us stop
and think for one moment the warm
and bright sun that makes the
grass green the trees to be clothed in
beautiful green of all shades the birds to
sing and then the birds to sing and
cheer us and then gather them all this day.
I have mentioned to let us not have our dear
ones while sitting are called to part with.

dear ones we can rejoice that we can all
see each other when we would think it best to
call all together and have a good time and each
other it is true we are separated far from
each other but we have pen and ink and paper
to our health of mind and body that we
may write and enjoy each other in that
way and know from time to time how each
other is getting along, dear Anna I have
thought of you so often to day and have
wished that it was so I or some of us
could run in a little while and have a
little chat with you or all of you could
come home I expect the day seemed
long and will for a while but just
think what a comfort it is to have a kind
and affectionate husband to stay with
you and both can enjoy each other all the time not least the greater part of the time
company and make the time pass by so every day Gracey has something new to tell
fast we can hardly tell how fast it is about her stay will you do this for us
good I am so glad my darling has
a companion that will always love and hear her tell things about you and yours I hope
stay by her and will cheer her when she is sad
times I do hope my dear will always
be able to cheer and comfort her husband
and all the dear ones that are in her charge
and helping.

We were all at Sunday school and church as usual
and enjoyed them it is a place that we always
go and get a good word brought for the
coming week and home.

Tom's went down to Coulton last evening
he has not been home for some time left a
Miss Barker is with Robie yet she is going
to make a baby sister of a sister I think they
are all well down here I believe, there is
not and the little boy I hope they are all
well and will enjoy the coming spring and summer
please give them my love and best wishes I hope
to see them here as soon as they do school close.

Dear Anna do you give my love and best
wishes to Mr. Bishop I hope you are and always will
I hope he has his work so he can stay with you
all the time not least the greater part of the time
company and make the time pass by so every day Gracey has something new to tell
fast we can hardly tell how fast it is about her stay will you do this for us
good I am so glad my darling has
a companion that will always love and hear her tell things about you and yours I hope
stay by her and will cheer her when she is sad
times I do hope my dear will always
be able to cheer and comfort her husband
and all the dear ones that are in her charge
and helping.

is what I am and I do not feel for it a
great trial for them to give and I do not
wish I would like if you feel able to tell me how
they get money to pay these little wants
in the church at your church how they make
it we are in debt and do not know how
to get out only by having many socially
please let us know how you feel as at your
church for and that I do not work every
night almost at there took for this
it will take nearly all spring if it is a great
piece of work than he thought when he
conceived it will be good when finished
We are a going to have our old piano
exchanged for an up right and give
it to Robbie his little boy what do you think
of that you remember it is in Graceys
room and we want to put a large bed
in there and it is so crowded when
both are in there Graceys do not like
her room and we have another place to
set it so we thought it might please Robbie
I think Robbie or Louie ought to write to
you after you tried and see make
if so pleased for them while they were
you in the South some time I think

Robbie feels a little elated as we are 3-
40 driving very much and they do not come
we hear I have not heard of but once the
season was they had a horse full and away
going out all the time I did not feel like
going down as I might be in the way and
would not want to go out as much as they
did do I stay at home I do not want to
go when I will make my difference in the
family arrangements I do not want to be in
the way any place sometimes I feel as though
things would be more pleasant and in better
order here at home if I was not here but I
must have some place to stay for a short
time I trust so I try to be contented and
try to do what little I can to make myself
liked if I cannot be loved that would be
a little to strong as we are not to love any
one better than the all things he that doeth
all things well and right I am glad my
ing is trying to be contented and doing
things as she would have them to her if
the only happy way to live the only way to
do any good or gain what we most want
I find easy to write if we could live as easy
what a easy life ah to easy if I could not be
good

next Sunday at this time and I am confident
will be talking with Robert and I will send
him as well as to have him with us that
evening I am only a young to me a few lines
to him to day I wish you and your dear
John and family could be with us to
but don't know we will all meet all night
as it is now so we will wait until the
day comes and then we will have a
day long well. My dear Anna and William
will come for this time I hope. Love Jane
Dear Anna for you will find I am the same and the
little boys are still with you I hope and the
we are a little better after getting away and
it seemed to contain a line or more to
Lemmie and myself so I will just say
on the beginning of my few lines
to you to day that I admire your
arrangements and think all will
be right if the dear little boys are
in perfect submission to the plan
it must be quite a task for them to
give up a thing they have enjoyed
so long and find so nicely with
it as they were in there cannot think
they will soon feel all right up there
and will be perfectly content if they
can have some with them and when the
dear little children are coming and they get

to listening if they will do and know what it
all is for they will be happy too tell Louisa
and say they always fill your home
every home may have so much love
in it that the little boys and let with
every one else may feel just as well
in one as in another there is no way
little ways and things in a house
that it will seem like home every
where you may go in it and our
freedom makes a happy home other
words contentment and love are
the foundation of a happy home
We will start the little article you
have mentioned in the letter to us in
the morning do you care send it to a
shop and have it fixed just as it should
be we would do it here but we think it
would be better to send it as it is and
have it fixed there I wish I knew just
how you felt about it sometimes I think
we had better have it fixed here I do wish
I knew which way would be the best I believe
we will have it fixed here for it will be a task
for you to write it I will see what the

day a party I hope you will be careful and
not get sick and don't every thing must
be done for you to be careful I hope the new
lines will find you and all well and happy
we are all well and are all at dancing
school and church as usual but it is a
very chilly and dark day I might say
it is a cold day but we can be content
with it as the time is so near for us to have
warm and pleasant weather. We had little Mary
it over here a little while, looking by her
self her mama is not well and has not been
for nearly a week but she is better now
than little Mary was as good as she could be
but her dear little feet are so cold she
had a cold I hope you dear little one will not
have any such trouble but all day as soon as
she has her teeth her face will be all right as
happy as Will I just wrote to you a long time
but I don't think it best to have it fixed
here so we will not start it to you for a little
time but will try and have it in due time I
think it will be a very handy little piece of
furniture and I hope you will like it when
you get it. I am so glad with Emma's telling
you so much that is the way to have him well

With a good deal of love and good wishes for you and your dear ones
say good bye. — ever your loving Mother

well but I think Louisa must
be very far behind you in strength, & intellect &c
having a little more at last they both say so. Either said
I should go and take care of your mother & sons
there and take care of Louisa what do you think of
that if I do when will I be at home. Will you
and will please excuse me from not writing a
longer letter this time as Harriet was to see me
I will have to write long letters after she leaves
so as to make up for what I have done and to bid you
adieu now. I will now say good bye. This is a beautiful
day and we are all well and able to enjoy
the bright sunshine fully and in the hope
you are all well and contented and enjoying
the approaching spring or I should say the
present spring time and feeling there is a
better time a coming yet. Dear Anna I
was very much pleased this morning
before we had our breakfast to receive
two letters one from dear Maria and a
dear little letter I do think it was so
nice in little to write such a nice letter
to me the card was not just the time I
would like but dear Grace got it for
me so I cannot say anything about it
as it was pretty or at least pretty for a letter
I think a pretty book mark for little boys and

rather since but am glad this letter
it may have received me from that it was a
very pretty little Robt and David also
all were very pretty I am a going to write
to both and thank them for their kind
remembrance of for me. I never will forget
myself for not having that little Bessie
I don't know how to depict it but
you know what I mean for not getting
it before before sending it if I didn't
think they would do it better than their
here I would feel very sorry indeed but I
don't in hopes it is the best as it is
so will be comfortable. Dear Anna I
or we have sent you a sketch of a
small article in it hoping it will
reach you in due time and in reply
and it will be pleasing to you and when
you look at it it will always please
and cheer you it is only a small piece
but it takes some thing to make home and
this life what it should be. Loving
I do hope you will not work as hard
as it got there and sick but take every

day it will all come right some day
they are best well as you attending to
you should so they will be ready for the
dear little friend when it comes and
will need to be glad we have to feel as
well as that this little daughter I
need not fear but all will be ready but
I thought I would just mention this
We read in the paper that Father Edison
was quite sick. I hope not dangerously
we would all like to hear how he is and
often as we can has the Edison's go to
see him. Father yet I hope he will go for
it will make him feel so much better in
fact that will feel better if they can see
each other. I hope they will be able to
when I am my love and best wishes to you
my letters. The that is Thomas and his brother
were down to Boston went Monday evening and
come Tuesday evening had a very nice trip all the way

2nd bro are the Marbles I hope they are coming well please send them to Miss Thelma
do also please remember me to Mr & Mrs Edson I hope all are well and happy good by.
1st you self but I would gett the net have to work so much that I am a
feeling to fix it for me I would get going to have Fannie come up and
it might a way to and use it all the time help fix up the cordains and pictures
for you cannot be so well prepared for any other things that need to be fixed up
the work you have on hand I hope sister when that is done we will all be at
Edison so can help you a great deal liberty and can do more as we would like
if you will ask her or let her know dear Cera and Thelma this with a good
what you need, dear Anna I hope you may others were baptized and come in full
will excuse me for being as old as I am fellowship with the church I was so glad to
gave me a fan and I was trying to use see her and so many other a young girl
it and I finally gave it up for a bad Bibles and sister are quite a number of others.
job how you got every thing straighten The wife of Edward also The 1st and 2nd
the dear little people no I hope every are to have the next decal what do you
thing will be in readiness and retain think would be good and nice you know
in new time we are in that and we want something nice
The have at last got our carpets da and good, this is what you may call a nice
nearly all done at last the painter commenced in the girls room today
so we have the kitchen and hall to look Fannie with us Fannie he said the
clean get plant you know the girls had called on you he thinks you have a
can do a good deal there so I will lovely home it seems he enjoyed staying
a little bit he enjoyed just call on you very much

and stay as long as you can
please except home and best friends

please kiss each
other for me and dear

little Madeline and

the dear long good

bye for Mother

At home, Dec 18, 1840

My dear Maria and Mr. Emerson

O I am

so glad the time is so short that
we shall see each other and we
must have a merry time or Christmas
was happy this year. Maria said for
though you would not start home
until ~~the morning~~ evening I was so sorry
to see you but if you cannot come
any more I do hope you will not
for anything but severe sickness
and least fail to come at that time
I do wish you would come sooner
and stay a long time don't fail
to come just as soon as you can
and stay just as long as you possible
can don't fail. Maria I do

not think I would bring your little
tricks and so may think if it will
make you so much trully don't
make you half all tired out in
getting ready come just as you are
and I think we can get what you
will want for little darling but
darling if you can bring three or
four Spectes for the crib I would
be glad as we don't have any and
I didn't think of it in time to get
the kind I would like now don't
I get so tired in packing and get
sick you will please let me
know when you start so we
can be at the train I have glad
we will all be when you get here
Mr. Edison Marion Thomas and
William and little darling children
the little darling I do wish she and
her dear little ones were here now

I do hope dear Mr. Edison and
the dear children will have a good
time do you think they will what
can I do or all us to make it
pleasant for the dear ones I want
to do all I can but the time is
so short we can hardly do any
thing. O if we could have dear
Harris and Grace would not we
have a nice time then for sure
I was glad to learn dear Harris
was a little better I do hope she
may get well and stronger than
ever her letter was short but
a good one. it seems strange
we don't get letters oftener
Dear Alice don't worry about any
thing but bring just what you like
and make yourself the most and we
will try and get what you need
don't get sick in getting ready to come
hear do all come just as you are

Don't forget the dinner
Cards. Did you get the glass
jaw and comb?

I got home all right. I
was well I came. I was taken
sick on the cars and I was
not prepared. George Went
with me at Buffalo for a
few minutes.

Hor is the darling Medallion
I really think she is the sweetest
baby I ever saw.

I think you had better. I was
going to say she candy but
they all think she's a good.

With love

James.

must do every one doing all they can for
most of mine time and they are guiding my
ways of doing good work so we work with
the night watch and with the good ones help
we are all right I will just write these
few lines I think they are so good for us
every day and every thing we have to do at
home and for the public,

Prayer sends the soul aloft - lifts
it above the clouds in which our
selfishness and egotism hide us and
gives us a chance to see which way
to steer. S. J. Spurgeon.

These lines are good and true don't
you think so my dear daughter we
know it by experience my dear
there is not a day passed but I
can see the loving kindness of
my dear Heaven and with I
could just move in his likeness
but prayer and faith with trust
in the true God will do all things

believe that's what I trust.
Dear Anna I do hope these lines
will find you well strong and happy but
in mind and body. That little darling O
if I had her just now I would not let her
be so far from me her best friend
we and will cry after her and want to be
with the one that she loves the best little darling
I hope she and the little boys will have a little
fun with the little toy I sented to them -
this morning I started one to Aunt Lucy I
thought if my little cheer and make her laugh
and you know a good hearty laugh is as
good as a well darling I will let you find
that out by experience so practice and you
will soon know the worth of it. Well must
close as I was the ready for the mail carrier
and it is just time for him dear things at all
the good you can and every way you can and
all will be well with you I have no fears of
of the past and the good ever being forsaking
please except to come my best wishes for you

HOTEL DE RHIN

4, P^{te} VENDÔME

My darling Maumma.

This is Thursday and it does not seem possible that a week has nearly passed since I last wrote to my baby and its Grandmother. Oh, how glad I shall be to get back to your port. You must be sure to come on deck baby, Maumma and make me a visit as long as you can. I hope that the girls or Mrs. Comyn will have everything in perfect order and that the house will look beautiful and clean. We shall sail on the 28th of September arriving home on the 1st of 1889.

or more likely the sight of Betsey.
It must be cute to see Baby
running about. I suppose she
will be quite changed when I
get home. I received the picture
of baby and thank you very
much for embedding me into
it. Do you think it good for
her? Has she been getting any
more teeth and does she say
any more words? I am getting
tired to see her. You know
how that is yourself.

It is terrible to try to do any-
thing here, everything is so crowded
and every body is on the make.

It seems impossible to go
anywhere with Mr. Edison. We
never get out as somebody is
after him all the time. Al-
though we have gone to a great
many entertainments. This

afternoon we are going to the
Lorine this afternoon to see
some pictures.

I am so glad to have
such good reports of all the
babies. I must go now this
is only a how do you do letter
and to let you know what I
am often think of you but
don't get the opportunity to say
so. Love to all. Dr. W. J.

Mr. Edison hanging in.
Sincerely, Wm.

Aug. 20. 1889.

4 groups start on front needle
 knit six - slip one - knit
 one pull over slip stitch -
 Repeat around 3 needles -
 5 times round plain knitting
 knit four slip one, etc. knit
 three needles -
 knit three times around plain
 knit 3 slip one etc -
 twice around plain
 knit 2 slip one etc -
 once plain
 (knit one slip 1) Repeat until
 knit once plain 14 stitches on
 knit one slip one three needles

[Mary V. Miller to Mina M. Edison. ca. 1887-1889. (Incomplete)]

and one I expect Grace has given
you a list of what she received
she received a great many and
very nice ones she enjoys you
book and received it in due time
she got a great many good books as
well as other things. I am so glad
Dear Mamma seems to enjoy
her self as well I do hope they can
go East it will do both good both
in book and this world ain't it
is bad about you. Well she is
not able to keep at school now she
has gone so far I do hope she
15-9059

[Mary V. Miller to Mina M. Edison. ca. 1887-1889. (Incomplete)]

Oh I can think how you expect
 to hear any thing do I thought I
 about him. With love and good wishes I
 will always be well and strong
 Mr. Storer has broken his ankle
 so it will be pleasant for him
 to have F. Hellenroth him,
 Dear Father Meret has gone to
 his long home. The Ladies
 are to meet this afternoon to work
 on the org. I feel very anxious to
 see if I want to learn how to make them
 if you are a going to Mr. Thiericks
 to move on Friday evening for
 a party. did you get an idea to
 time to attend Mr and Mrs.
 Rootes Golden Wedding we did buy into
 but don't think we will attend what much and a kiss to both of you I will
 will be nice to send them please
 tell me, well I think I had better
 stop for I am afraid you will
 those froming friends I have not
 for ask you but don't go to my friends
 just say good by for the
 get tried trying to read this
 darling have you every thing ready
 and is there any thing left that I
 can do I do hope every thing is all right
 will you love are your girls I hope
 good and kind to you and please bid
 remember me to them and please bid
 Tom and William for me and tell
 I do for they have their schooler
 and love to learn and they will make good
 and amation men please give my good wishes
 now I hope well, now my dear good
 the very best of wishes and good
 close for this time hoping you
 will take good care of your self
 and try to see Miss Johnson as often
 as you can

kiss each other for me,
Dina had a very pleasant and
happy time with you. We are all
well hope it was with you.

Dear Anna I have been up
stairs taking the trees down
and arranging things in general
I had to think of the time we had
to gether around it just a few
days ago. I can not help but
enjoy those days and wish
we could have more times like
them to gether it seems so long
from our Christmas to another.
Dear Anna I want to write a few
lines to dear Gracy so I will
close these lines to you, hoping
you all are well and we will soon

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have a letter from you telling me
all about you. I am over at home
with you and the dear ones so far
from you. I wish I could tell you
please give her my love and best
wishes and tell her I
hope to see her soon. I want her to come and stay and a
while, I am ^{mother} My dear Anna and Edith
and best wishes from your very
sister, I feel for you and do wish I
could do something to help
you but what can I do. I have
think and wonder all the time
how glad I would be if I
new just how dear Anna
was now at this time for
child away off there alone
not one of her dear ones
to speak to nor can I
even see nor hear them
how lonely she must be
10-5238

2.
it is so good that she had
such a good place to stay in
and every thing so well fixed
and your Bankers can see
and know just how she is
every day do they not send
you a word every day I hope
so and also you I have had
letters telling every thing just
how she is and how they
came to be separated in such
a way. I do hope Seanathan
is better and soon will be
able to come home and she
will be contented and happy
hear at home and in the
immediate states. I am so glad
Maimie and Gracy is at home
Sean Gracy is not right hear
with us but she is near and
my smart little girl every morning

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we can get to her soon if needed
I do hope you and she had a
good time to gether we have look
ed for a Tollegan all day or ever
since we hope you had a rest
and was safe at Gracy's place
of school I do hope she will do
well and all will be pleased with
her change and the time will be
well spent. How is that little pet
I do hope she is well and growing
fast but not too fast neither for
it is not good to do that have you
had the doctor over to see her yet I
hope so please kiss her over and over
for me I hope she had a good time
on the coast her uncle Ira says
Maimie and Gracy is at home she had a good time all the time
he was with her so think she is a
very smart little girl every morning

to us about going to Collage. If she wanted to please her
self she wanted to please her mother. It is so hard for one to have to
expect she will go to Collage,
hoping to hear very soon and know
hope all are well. (Should Jan 2 1890)
care of you self do not worry about
his mother for me
and that little. My dear darling mother
let tell her I love her. How I would
love just at this moment know
how you both were we have felt
so lonely ever since you dear
left us and now since we read
ved the sad Telegram about dear
Charion how I wish I could or
we could do something for the
dear child what can we do and
what will you do please let us
know just as soon as you
can I as feel so sorry about her
situation away off there alone
10-24-90

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she wanted to go to Farmington and
the dear child I as felt her I as think
may to please and to listen to I
dear child I will close for this time
just how you and all are I as
my dear child and take good
care of you self and be contented and happy
with the boys and dear little
what can you do? I as hope
Charion to go to you right away
and help you as what can do
think oh God and you will
go to dear Charion O how bad
it is for her to be there so
far from all her dear ones I
think some one ought to go just
as soon as possible and try
get her to come home home is
the best place for her she is not
able to travel or to study very
much now I as hope she will
have good care and she will soon

3
well I feel afraid we will never
see dear Marion again but I
hope we will. I fear Maria cannot
let this worry you any more than
you possibly can help. let us
know what we can do we will
glad to do any we possibly can.
O how I do miss that little
pet and she stand the trip all
right and is she well now?
were the girls all at home and
all ready for you? I am so glad
every day and year you may be
for you are and was with Mr. Edison
when he received the Telegram
about dear Marion. I am glad
Ira is with you. I hope he will
help you all he can. I hope you
will hear every day and Mr. Carl
will soon be with dear Marion
and can cheer and comfort

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Marion very much. I don't seem
strang every time you have gone
home before you expect to it had
proven good that you did go what
would dear Mr. Edison have done
when he received that Telegram
if he had been with you by his
side. he thinks you can do every
thing all right. O I am so glad he
loves you so much. I may the
love grow stronger and stronger
ed to live to gether try dear Maria
to plead and comfort him all you
can it will be better lot for yourself
I hope I
would love to do all of you now
Mr. Marion and the rest are in the
sitting room and I in our bedroom
alone. dear Gaezy does not know what

W. L. Loan Maine had just shown me the lovely panels that she and Loan Grace painted they are beautiful I think

Dear Anna don't let her write
get forget me Oh how I would
love to see her and have a sweet
kiss. The little darling I expect
she and Aunt Gray have quite
kissed to gether. They are two little
get out go think so many a
way. Well I will close for

My present pleads excepting love
best wishes and thanks love
to all send all pleads into
some let hear Gray write if
you haven't the time wish
each other for me ever your loving M. M.

able to come home. Lacking I said
I was glad to receive such good letters
from you today to hear that Lucy and
help were such but I thought never
was done of our men and decided
the rest well and did not go in at all
This must be forgiven. I thought him, 1850
reading. I am in and that
Canton good friends at Cambridge
I think. My dear, loving Mrs. Lucy
will be with the good. I can't tell
will close your loving letter
How glad I would be to receive the
Telegram this morning we all have
felt very anxious to hear from
the dear one that left us so soon
by last Monday morning it seems
like an age since my dear ones
left us. So short a time ago but
Lucy left in such a hurry and
all alone I couldn't help but
wonder we could hear from her
and know if she was safe. I do
not like the idea of a gangster
10-2-40

being in the care of a love with
an old Gentleman. I hope he was
a good man but it is saving a
gratistish to be in such a place
I hope to hear soon how dear
Gray succeeded all though I
hope well though I am sorry she
could not go to school as she
was so anxious to get there in
time I was sorry to learn so
we do hope they will soon be
well and in school and every
thing will be lovely there dear
Gray will never be long so
there I expect you arranged
my Carl had gone I do feel so
thing in her room and dear
will have nothing to do but go
rest Monday and come work
I do hope she will be well and
happy dear Anna I do thank you

so much for your kindness to dear
Gray and all of us I do not know
when or how we ever can pay you and
I hope to hear soon how dear
for dear Gray to have a Brother and
sister that are so good and to often
at home with us please to copy many
I do not know what else I
I do hope you are
I would love to hear more
about dear Marion and if she
it must be very hard
sooth her fevered head, or say
cheering word how lonely she must
be I hope she is better and will soon



BOSTON, MASS.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Please bid each other for me
and please bid little pet and the
boys for me I am so glad they
are doing so well it will do them
so much good to be there I am glad
you have them with you they never

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will for get it. Will please as often and as best
please bid me My dear darling mine
as often as you can I am so glad
and I am so glad to hear that you are
now to write to me for in your last
letter you have urged me so hard to
come and see you and dear little pet
I am so glad you have such a little
darling with you she must be a grate
deal of company for you while her dear
papa is away from you so long at a
time so I would love so much to be
with you and try to be a little company
for you but as glad as I am to be with
you I think I had better not come this
time dear mine I have just received
a letter from you ^{of} father saying
he was with you and he and all were
well but dear little pet and you dear
she had the whooping cough I am sorry
the little pet had to have it but if she had
it she could not have it at any better time
why not you and she come dear and

let me do what little I can for her and you I would love so much to do something for her and you it is not as pleasant but out doors but we can keep the house warm and light so we can be comfortably and we can have each other to sit and I could rock little Joe I am glad you little Joe had not out grown his dresded pet but sometimes not let them wear them until they get to tight for he nor his Mother will be as well for it I think I would loosen them a little for the comfort of both I do hope both will keep well and as well but hot want room and good care be very careful and don't lift little Joe nor any thing else nor reach up high but have a happy and lovely time and I'd like to look at all the pretty things and smart pretty men especially also ladies I think try to make a good impression any way. Mamma enjoyed reading your letter and well as to my self it was well thought of I am very sorry for that reason to not be with you No no I will take that back come to think of it for it might be you would look or watch me to close and I might have a bad effect this is no more so I think now so don't tell it to Mamma or any one except of this, Ira and Clara have just been here I think little Margaret is getting better I think her face will soon be well and then she will be all right as she is well other will be



It was something shameful then³ child I do hope she will have may such happy times I do hope she will have a little for her next Tuesday they are well but she is a little better and likes every one there I think I had better stop or you will get tired of it I think all seem to be well and happy. I do hope did Robbie send you pictures of the Babs they have it in several ways Eddie is holding it in one and Robbie in the other and Eddie and Mr. G. together holding the Babs between them and Mamma and Miss C. have holding it between them all are very good I wish them to send you a box of them I think if they send one of each kind they would fill a box. Mamma seems quite well now but has not been well all the time I do hope she will soon get better we have Lecher Child to attend her and I think he will do her good but he says we will have to be very careful and not let her get tired nor worried about anything I do feel so sorry for her she did feel so bad last week she feared so and I am so glad she had to be so that she had to I think the Doctor told her she need not think of it any more than she would the tooth ache be better very good to her and I think it was her good she felt as though

But how long are you going to stay
down there I wish you would come
up here and stay until Mr Edison
gets ready to go home and he can
come this way for you. Please come
and that soon. Love to all and a kiss
I will write to Mr Edison a little for you
I will write to Mr Edison if I can. I am
glad he is well but he must eat a little
both will get sick.

[INCOMPLETE]



March 1, 1882

My dear friend Mr. Bishop

And my son little fat
how are you to day Grand fa says little fat
is so cut she settles right down and had
her coughing spell and when all over she
says I am all right now little fatling I
do wish she was with me I would love
so much to take care of her so she would
come this way and leave her with me I will
take care of her now if you can not stay
I will bring her home when she is well
it will be hard for you to take care of her
and I have nothing to hinder me from having
her with me and taking care of her so let her
come you fa says you are going home this
week I do hope you nor any of you will be
cold going home or coming back the sun is
shining now and we are in hope we will
have more of it now and we will have some
warm dinner weather you father and I
with the boys meet this morning coming out

[INCOMPLETE]

of Sunday school it was quite a surprise ²
and we did not expect him before next week. I
think we were all glad to hear him. He seemed
to be feeling quite well and happy. I think the
trip did him good. He thinks it is very pleasant
down there. I am very sorry to hear dear
Marion's face is marked. But if she is well and
all right then maybe she will soon be over.
But dear child she must feel bad and lonely
over there alone. It seems so very all the way.
I wish she was at home. I am so very glad
Minnie and Grace is at home or near home.
I am glad dear Marion is at home. I do think
it is the place for her in her health. The
doctor was not so bad this morning and he
had a spell of the sick headache hardly
able to lie up. I think we will take her east
to some good doctor. Just as soon as we
can. Doctor Peffer of Philadelphia at least.
Mr. Marvin thinks he is the best doctor he
ever met. Mind I shall be there now.
I am so glad dear Mr. Edison is so contented
and pleased though he can accomplish what
he would like to do. I hope he will not work too
hard and get sick. We must have him take
good care of himself for we want him to
live a long life and a happy one. Please
kiss him for me and give him my love
and very best wishes.



March 14. 1882

My Scandinavian children

How do you do

This cold winter day it must seem cold and dreary weather after being where the sun was so bright and warm. I must tell you what they are a doing in the sitting room. Bishop Vincent and Sister Thulbert are with the family listening to the Phonograph they think it the "most wonderful thing they ever listened to especially where the band is playing so many different pieces all taken at once. I think to wonder and wonder often and often how it can do so but it would not be so wonderful if we all understood it for that is what makes things wonderful who can understand man. He is so wonderfully made he is curious and a sherry to himself, Bishop Vincent preached for us this morning he gave us a good talk too.

Lotha Shulburt will preach this evening
they are both well and have just come up
from Florida they said it was warm and very
pleasant and they had oranges and other fruit.
The Bishop left his wife at St Albans.

It seems more like winter than any other
time this last winter. The ground is covered with
snow and it is cold but I am so glad
it is so we have to have such weather
for our good and now is the time and I
am so glad we are having it we will soon
have warm bright weather and O if I only
could have that little darling here with me
I could take her out in the garden and
we would have gay times little darling
as much I could tell her just now I do
hope she was her dear father and mother and
the dear little boys are all well and glad
they are in their lovely home again your
father was there the other day and he says
it is lovely it is so clean clear from top
to bottom I was so glad to hear that
now you will not have to go right at work
and clean it would be so bad for you
now dear little let not be unwell and
neither you self I do hope these ladies will



find you feeling rested and well as you
can be darling I know it is hard to have
me one but I would like to talk with and be
with but darling if you cannot or could
not have them you might have it harder
and more unpleasant it is very hard to have
every thing to do when not feeling well and
so much to do darling be glad and happy
and contented for how much better it
is as you say than if it was other wise
my dear think of the many pleasant times you
can have with your dear husband and little
pet and family I am so glad you can
have all the help you want and can have
more if you want it I am glad you
Maid will stay by you let her do all
she will for you and you have a good
time while you can I am glad you have
Miss Mrs Williams with you she must be
good company and you can read and talk
together very often and the time will pass
10-5338

very well about I do think if you have a good
D^r March I would keep her for it is so hard
to get a good wash woman at least it is here
and I fear it will be there after a little time a
good girl is better I think I would have her
take all the care of the clothes and if any are
missing or torn through her carelessness
she should make it good I don't think I can
could watch all the clothes but I believe I can
and give a little help those the maid
could take care of so every thing would be in
good care all the time and not any trouble to
you in particular. I would grant all you
can and have coming all you can do all you
can in that way and time will fly fast
and you will be doing good all the time.
If I'm writing I am writing a long letter of
stuff I started and couldn't find a stopping place
but I think I will stop for I fear it will not interest
are he of any good to you or any one but I do hope
my darling will be happy and then all will be well
I do hope while you are very happy and seem to
be well I will close for this time hoping all are
well and happy please kiss each other for me
and that little darling tell her I love her and
do want to see her bid her over and over for me
also please bid St. I can kiss and give them my love
and very best wishes respectively to all say your loving mother

Dear friends, I have nothing to tell you but
that I am well and happy. I have been
very busy with my work, but I have
managed to find some time to write
you. I am still in the city, and I
am very much interested in the
work of the church. I hope to
be able to visit you soon.

My dear time, mother and
wife, by and
write a few lines to you will
know I do think of my leaving
if we are a year may make a difference
I hope this - lined may find last
well and happy both enjoying my each
other society and to the fullest and
quickly on account of the pleasant and
interesting that had with each other
have pleasant when husband and
wife can reach and help each other
it makes life well living for me
it helps us to make time pleasant
and happy for our dear children and
all that may be with me that is a
very important part of our life for

what would we do without friends
and since we have not one to go
to, I am so glad my friends
have been so happy with each other
may they love each other better and
better every day and may their lives
be so sweet to see their dear little ones
grow up to man and womanhood and
see them doing fine things as they would
like others all for them I am glad they
are all well and happy to say their
charities what a sad sorrowful time
the dear child has had I am glad she is
well and happy now I am sure she is
and her little children too I am glad they
are all well and doing well please tell
each other for me and the three dear
little girls and how well you I wish
they were with us to say for it seems
a little lonely and I am not at
home and it has been a rainy day
the morning but now it is very warm
pleasant and it makes me want to be
out but it is so sunny and we can
hardly walk out I will be very glad when
we will have settled weather again and
will be glad to know all about the wedding I
think it is a very nice wedding and all
as she is sailing to-morrow I think I will
just say thank you for the paper and the
news the meat and the stuff all were
very nice they say I cannot go to see
only tell what I hear it was very pleasant
after all through, this dear girl was a
going to see little Charlotte and the boys
and they will be this evening any
way while you are in town I think I
can do you some good to hear them
hear with me then I can then with you
and I would like to do something for you
if I can then and all of you have been well
and so much I would like to hear from you
I am very happy

not come up near your place but
think it is just petty now but
the undertakes it but we will enjoy
the present let the past be past and
wait for the future if it is all right
we will enjoy it and if not we will
do the best we can and let it go,
your Father is still in Jeffer
he had just entered into business
down there he is well or was when we
last hear from him he is doing well
also! I search him about would love
to write a letter to hear little but but
O I am such a poor comforter I
cannot write to any one and such a
little pet one wants to know how to
write something that will please and
do good I would love to if I could
will give please kiss her three times
for me and tell her I do love her and
hope she will grow to be a bright
happy lady always good to her dear
father and brothers and sister
and love her ^{very} dearly Father say
his well at all times! Please his dear

and care for me, please accept my
love and very best wishes and please
kiss each other for me and please
give my love and best wishes to dear
father and Mother. Should have 1, 1890
Love your loving Mother
all yours in
sincerely
By Sea Bree and William

I must and
want to congratulate you with
on the joy of having your little
Madeline with you another year
and she had been so well and
happy all the time I do hope she
may be spared to you for years
and she may always be sweet
and in your home and will
grow up to be a happy and
useful woman and comfort her
dear Father and Mother in their
old age I hope my two dear
ones may be spared to their
dear ones all grow up to be
useful men and women,

I expect you are having quite a hard time with you a friend to come there with you a pleasant time with you and a hard little folk for fear there is the day it may be they were there something about one that is not peculiar I hope they were all well right and I would not be the one all of you enjoyed each means of doing them wrong in others company I do feel as sorry any way for all I know of and for you and Clara I do hope they more so I would rather never see can get something that will do better than I have known them in any target good make her well if way, this is a lovely, beautiful day that can be over but I am a the birds are full of music and find they have let it go to long the trees and grass is green I was down to Canton last all nature is in its glory and O Monday to attend the little how beautiful O I do wish you journal and I stayed at Robbie and Mr. Eason got all your dear little Robert is just as pretty ones were here to day to see our as to can be not our debt. I hope it is a little good on him clear all over has hope, remember it is by the dimming of your little boy will be so to whom I think you will remember it I hope you will have the doctor think it gets better every summer give you something that will we are very much pleased with our do tell of your good I am almost glad in the dinner though I do

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H. M. A. Lane, 1898

My dear friends and Mr. Edison

How do you do
this lovely Sabbath day had hope
left with you dear little ones
are well and happy and every thing
agreeing with your household
Your Father was very much
delighted to day when Father
opened a box that Mr. Edison
had sent him it came Saturday
but as we were all so much
taken up with Reunions and
particulars we did not have the
time to open boxes or trunks
as we received one at the same
time from Gracey to day
after coming home from school
10-5257

I have opened the box and
presented a very handsome
and valuable present to you
for he with all of us were very
much delighted and thank you
and Mr. Edison for it very much.
This is Children's day and
it had been a perfect day
in every way the flowers
and every thing was lovely.
Yesterday was Miller Remmon and a quite comfort to his dear
day and it was a successful day and Mother read his
very quite a quite way there Robb and the dear boy and and other
and and Lones with little Robert for me good we being sister
come up and took supper with
and little got turned his arm
with hot coffee while at the
table but not very hot a then
with they are and wear all well
and we have had to lay down
later under foot a way we

as miss him ^{very} much.
Ira is here now he stays a little
of the time with and and the other
part of the time at Mr. Tinsmith
he misses Cora and baby very much
I will say good by and hope you will
to write a few lines but I mention
they little get what a little darling
she is I as hope she will be well
and grow to be a lovely woman
dear sister.
He opened the box
which contained a
microscope this afternoon
and all is right and
we have better looking
at one or two things.

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has Mr. Edison perfected
and manufacturing
the loud sounding
adjustment. Could
you send us one, as
we are going to give
an exhibition in a
church the 1st of this
month at Comman,
a little place on the
Lake Shore Road, and
if all is convenient
we want to start
from there either the
2⁶ or 27 for Orange.
I wish you would
let us know as soon
as possible.
Will good bye,
Edison.

June -

Dear Minda will expect hoping to hear from
Lorne and hear that you and all are
well and doing well. please kiss each
other for me and bid the boys and
little pet also for me. Love M. June 29, 1879
very long letter.

My dear Minda as the Editor

O how it is
hard we all have to wonder
how it is there with you I
do hope it is not any warmer
than here if it is I am so very
very sorry for you and do wish
all were here I think I will
only write a few lines as my head
does not feel any too well and it
is very warm I do hope these
few lines will find you well
and as cool as the weather will
let you be and all are well and
able to be under the shade trees
or in some cool place. I have
to wonder all the time if Johnny

all it be as must 2
will get

and Theodor are with you and if I feared they would fail and so a
they received the telegram all right quite a deal of harm to the Phonograph
and understood it you for think business but I thought it is better for
it would be very nice for them to it seemed of his young boys could
go to Washington and every thing is so well - clear and experienced men
in full work they can do just would do very well I am sure when
as much now and any time in the do good effect dear Gracey with you
write I will be so glad if they do and when will she be home with me if
get there as they have wanted to go she does not come soon we will
so much I expect if they are with not have very much time to gather as
you they have to be good more about I will be with you soon that is if
themselves then I can tell you I am you still think you want me but
so glad they had such a good time darling what good can I do you I hear
with the Phonograph we went out to the summer all the time I had said little
see the Elder that they were with and Margaret is getting better they think have
he said he felt very fond of the boys and son but lately I can hope I should
and the work they did they had the get well. Louis was a clean long pastory
reflect of all that were around them the days they are all with the little
they seemed to understand their work Robert when they ask him about this
well it charmed me a great deal to arm he serves it all around and looked
himself good report of the boys at it himself he seems to understand
it was bright and every body wanted to

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My dear Mrs. and Miss

I think dear Anna

I will write these few lines to you and next
time I write I will direct to dear Annies
darling I do hope she is well and happy
and you enjoy her company and be with
and all are happy and having delightful
times together but I can tell you so
much dear Annies and also Mrs. Ramona
misses her who telephoned over last
evening and wanted to know when she was
coming home and she thought she had better
come home for we wanted her very much
kiddly now how is get along without her
she that is Mrs. Ramona has been helping
house herself for a little time as Mr. Father
and Mother have been to stay with her but she did
not like it very well.

I wonder what kind of a day you have
there we are having a rainy day here all
but you ~~from~~ Father have stayed at home

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but he took the car and went to the
disposal church and we do not have any
thing at our church as it is all torn
up and I guess it will be the rest of the
winter it was so rainy I thought it to
hard to take the horses out and
Mrs. Leona Vincent are hear Mr. Vincent
is giving Lectures at the College Mrs.
Vincent is a very pleasant lady they
have been married only seven weeks so
they are very loving and good to each
other but it may always last so
I hope so any way it should be so
loving and both may live dear Anna
don't you find that you two little folks
take a good deal of your time from dear
Mr. Edwina not that you love is any less
but they have to be taken care off and
no one can do just as well as Mother
dear darling I would give all my time
that I possibly could to my husband

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they read all we or you can give him
it will do him good always to have you
come and kiss and sit on his lap
and talk with him till him something
pleasant and now let dear Minnie be
Matter when he is at home I hope he
is feeling better and all are well for
days. little C. smiled, can laugh, and
talk every thing he says. he is a 4
mouthed old lady he thinks you have two
very bright and beautiful little ones, but
the baby out goes all the other babies.
I do hope they may be spared to you and
you may live to raise them and every
thing may be as you like.

I think I will try and write a few lines
to Howard and tell him to day I am so
glad they like their school I hope they will
make good and smart men and I think
they will please give them my love and best
wishes when you write to them and add to
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Dear Marion tell her I often and often
think of her and would write if I were a
better writer composer and speller but
all it gets makes me feel ashamed to
try to write even to my dear darling
children it is only through love that
I write to them your father arrived home
Friday noon he enjoyed his stay at
your home very much he thinks every thing
lovely he also says Mr. Baker has stopped
smoking why did he do that for I hope he
can let it alone as long as he may live
and he may be as well as any one can be
and he may live for years to come
and is well fit I hope he is better.
Tell darling I think I had better stop but
before I do I must ask how dear Susan
was when she left and if she started on
time to get at school in the night time had
one letter from her while she was at school
she was well then. Love had not come home
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yet but it may be it is not good I have
 not had a word from him I expect he
 is having a good time where ever he may
 be. I hear nothing of you have any
 old dress that you think Mary can wear
 I wish you would please send it to her
 but darling I cannot want you to do
 so if you have done other place to dress
 your thoughts. for days I hear is with
 you yet I am glad for she can fix up
 as may think and keep every thing in
 good order now as you and Mamma are
 taking care of the little kids. I will stop
 for a little while so good by ever your loving

mother

Half dinner is over and I have written a
 while at the Penograph but I think I will close
 this letter now and let the next letter be a little
 longer than the last. Vincent and Mr. Bonac think
 it is the best they ever have they are very much
 pleased with it. Will darling I want to write
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a little to the large so I will close
this by asking you to please accept
my love and very best wishes and please
kiss all the dear ones for me and tell
them I love them. I hope all are well
and happy I will write to dear
Mamma next time soon
your loving son

Pd I have sent these things you
gave Mamma for Aunt George's box
I do thank you very much for them

Put curtains on beds today -
Tomorrow take down & wash
curtains in R. R. & R. R.
Thurs. Wash & L. in R. R. & R. R.

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My dear Anne and Thomas

I am a going
to write a few lines especially to you two
this time but I do not want you to think
I do not think or care for the other dear ones
with you there is not an hour passed but
I think and would like to see them with
you and have sweet kisses and smiles
from each. Mr Edison always had a
doubt and a kind word for me. I do
thank him so much for them and will
never forget them the two little pet 2
who can forget them O how sweet
they are and now dear mine do you
think you have made a good choice
in selecting a teacher for your little
fellows do you think who can do every
thing you wish a teacher to do for them
now if so I do hope love and friendship
may be let dear mine will you and
get them under good control and ^{my} self.

love and respect both their dear Mother
and Father I have to wonder if it will be
the best thing all around I hope it may
be such. Dear little ones read some
kind word and accept with corrected
more than any thing else they are to
young to set down and study or learn
a lesson they have to learn from
every day both and actions let them
learn how to live every day and when
a little older take their books and read
and every thing will be well then.

Dear Maria of dear Minnie and stay with
you this winter I do hope both will have a
happy time to gether my will read and
learn with each other and dress and take
care of you little change with contentment
and pleasure. I hope my dear ones will
not forget their poor Mother but will find a
little time for her as I may have just
how every thing is moving along I hope
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grand old man be good this winter
and all through life kiss the two little
lambs for me and tell them I love
them and so want to do their little wishes
also and tell him I want to do him also.

I am afraid Lizzie had made false
reports about me since she was here
I am sorry for it but I will only say
I am not working any more and I
do not want you to worry one moment
about me I never did work to hurt
me and now in my old age I hardly
think it will pay to commence so do not
think of me a working we have a chamber
maid she is sweet and cannot talk
any english but we think she will learn
very fast she has learned a good deal
well ready and she has been with us one
week only she seemed very willing and
ready to do any thing we can get her to
understand what have you done with
poor Elene poor girl she did love you
and I think she wanted to do all she
could but you knew more about her
than I did I do hope if she is with you she
is all right and you are having good times

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with her and she will find a means
and little Madeline she will be a great
help for you this winter I think,
Dear Maria and Anne I am so glad
you have taken such good care of
your dear Father while with you I hope
his knee is better I tried to take care of
it but he would not keep still any time
did he tell you I would not let it
for him one night after midnight
he had been out all day and up to that
time and I said I would do any work
in trying to do any thing for it if he would
not try to do something for it himself we
left the bandage off then he just used
the Liniment had he told you any thing a
bout it I expect not, but I do hope he
will try and be more careful of it how is
Doctor Chadborns knee I hope you he
will do him and get done with himself
I do hope he is better than when he left home

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I & I will try and write to mow on
next day any way please ex cept my
love and my best wishes ever so long
Mother

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if he is with you please tell him I love
him and hope he will come home soon
it is very lonely hear now Gray and
Lino gone 18 day for dinner was only
Lennie Johnny and Hester and my
self just think of it I am so glad ^{that} dear
John could go to Washington it pleased
Gray so much when she heard he could
I am sorry dear Mamma is not with
them adds I hope you all will have
a good time when you do meet Gray
she miss Mamma so much but felt that
it was all right if she was helping dear
Mamma any I think a great deal of dear
Gray and do hope she will have a good
time this winter, Well dear daughter I have
covered a lot of paper and have not
said all I wanted to get and that is not
all I am afraid I cannot say all or what
I ought to say O if I could only write
as I would like to

We have been wondering why it would
 not be best for dear Mamma to have
 a few things sent to her rather than
 come home for such a short time it
 seems like she would be on the road
 most of the time but I don't want you
 to think we don't want you to come
 home for all of us do want you to come
 and stay if you think it best we want you
 to do just what you would like the best
 and you would feel the most contented
 we want you to have a good and happy time
 this winter now looking do just what you
 would like come home and get you few
 things you self or we will send what you
 may want but we want you and dear
 Alvia to come just as soon as you can
 I will be a lonesome winter here without
 you dear Mamma but if we want to do good
 we have to deny our selves a good deal
 I think I had better stop now you long to be ^{has such}
 - from 10 - 5297 ^{the 10th}

P. J. Eddie sends love
also Mr. Thorne

[INCOMPLETE]

W. V. M.

W. V. M.

Alton Okla. 2085

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Edison

How glad I would

be if all were here with us to day but as
it is not so I will try and write a few
lines to you and you can read them
to my two dear boys that you have
with you to day tell them I am miss them
and I could not wait any longer ~~to~~
without hearing from them I read so
much about the show and it was
knowing quite had been and every one
was talking about it it made me
feel very anxious I am so glad they
reached your lovely home in safety
and all were well I have no doubt but
they are happy now they did want to go to
10-5295

[INCOMPLETE]

much before Christ made but we are
at home were to delight to let them
go some Gracey after days do nides
they were here now I as hope they will
be good boys and not make you
any more trouble than they can help
Lian others you must feel very other
ly now having so many youther
with you and so many long boys
it must seem very strange to you what
does Mr. Eldon think of such a family
I have no doubt but he enjoyed seeing
them if he cannot hear all they say
I hope Lian Thomas and William are
both well and happy and both are glad
they are at home with their dear father
Mother and sister and little Brother
what do they think of this little
sister and Brother at this time

I hope they love them and are glad to
be with them I hope you will let both
of the boys come home with Gracey
and stay until Gracey goes
to her school or longer if they can I
want to do them and I think it would please
you think of Cousin George I expect
he seemed like a man with the other
I have no doubt but he is enjoying
himself as much as the others first
think five young men with you today
and the best of all is the dear little
that is on the cradle and in your
O how sweet he is little Lian
how glad I would be if I could have a
sweet kiss from his sweet little lips now
and that little Lian Adeline how
sweet she is it takes Lian to tell about

[INCOMPLETE]

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her
and little Charles this is hardly
an home pedder but she has done
little ^{cute} daying or aol. to speak about
and tell me she thinks you ought to
be a very happy woman such a lovely
home and kind husband and two
such sweet little ones I do hope my
darling is happy I am sure she is if
she is well. We had got a pleasant
disposition but we all missed all
of you so much. it took off a good deal
of the pleasure we would have had if you
had been with us we missed you in every
thing but I hope you had a good
time with your dear little family.
We have Miss Phillips from Canton
and Miss Thel. from Springfield
with us to day they come to attend the
parting of George and Miss Thel. and

was a man of great respect
and admiration he is missed
in his home and in the chapel
and Sunday school and in society
both locally and in Sunday way
he was a good man and greatly
missed in every way. Dear China
those lovely flowers you sent
and we just opened the box and
admired them and then closed
them up again and sent them
right over to old Snyder in
your name we all thought you
would be glad to send some
if you had known it. I hope it
will be according to your wishes
we think you did much for them they
are lovely and it will please dear
Mother-in-law so much to think you thought
of her

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Dear China I will close for again
thinking you and I are both
young people
The flowers you gave me this dear
boy's please let my love and
many thanks please write to the
little girl and thank her for
our all yours My dear sister with love
my good wishes were happy I love the good
kind people at your place
I would so write you that my dear folks
boys are at home they arrived about
half past one O'clock this morning
had just finished our dinner after
coming home from church we wanted to
wait for them but you know how it
is when dinner is ready there are a
few want to eat immediately that
is the case dear sister it does seem
long to wait after coming home from
church or any place the dear boys
are very well and look well but a little
tired as they were so long on the road
they had a real at home before that
10-5303

consider the delay there was no harm
done in the neck, but the loss of
time. My dear I don't know how
to express my thanks to you and
dear Mr. Edison for the happy
and useful time my dear boys have
had with you and so. So many kind
acts and things you have done for
them I am very sorry Sam Thomas
and William did not come home with
the boys I did expect them as
much as I expected to see and I often
please bid them for me and tell them
I am very sorry they are not with us and
I cannot talk with them I do hope to see
them as soon as this summer vacation
commences they will stay with us all
the time I am very glad to hear
such good report from them Thomas
dearly William will soon catch

up if he will keep at hard work and
is what had to be done before great
things can be accomplished.
Dear Anna made some flowers except
my thanks for you. I wanted to send
Joy and Thea but please let me do
some little thing for you and yours.
Dear Annie this has been a sad
and yet a pleasant day for a great
many of us this morning and today
at school it was promotion day and
also Memorial day as it was a fast
and sad day for all I expect you have
before this heard Mr. ~~W. J.~~ ^{W. J.} died last
Monday and to day was Memorial
services in honor of him it was very
impressive I saw you there and not
many eyes among the church
and Sunday school members Mr. ~~W. J.~~ ^{W. J.}

never, no when I say, I would be
glad to do any thing I can for you and
you dear ones and what ever way it
would be most pleasing to you I am
glad if dear Harms can do any
good me as well you and for if ever
you need a friend or help if is now
de hope both of you will help well and
the two little ones will grow well and strong
under your care, I am say say Thomas and
William did not come out to bid us really
did want them to come and bid some one
expect them with the boys like that it would
have done them good to come and spend a
little time with us I hope you will let them
come when ever they can I like to have them
hear they will miss their mother very much
at least William let them come hear now
in the place of their mother home for boys
they must have some place beside home

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11 Let them come hear to you this good
will go to do it well with them I hope you can
it will please them so much
please bid each of them for me and
tell them I love them
I am Ok June 1859
I wish they were good and I wish you could
write to them if you will write to me I will write to them
will bring them to you I am say say Thomas and
William did not come out to bid us really
did want them to come and bid some one
expect them with the boys like that it would
have done them good to come and spend a
little time with us I hope you will let them
come when ever they can I like to have them
hear they will miss their mother very much
at least William let them come hear now
in the place of their mother home for boys
they must have some place beside home
I know or I hope you have your
dear Father with you to day and he
can say more and do you more
good in a few words and in a short
time than I can in many words and a
long time but love and sympathy
with you I feel like writing to you
and saying I with you Father can
feel the love you have just had
I trust we may all meet when
there will be no pain nor sickness nor
sorrow what a happy meeting where all
is love and peace now & forever
10-5305

[INCOMPLETE]

W.V.M.

Shonk 1/23/1991

My dear darling daughter and
it may be dear

Mr. Edison will be pleased to hear
of your Brother's good
deeds. I with all the others think
we can be proud of John W.
Miller he carried the honors of
the day he did splendidly as with
all of you could have heard him
hear Miranda. Mine it was as it was
when you read everything was at
grit and all listened at elate and
a Water man in time of great
few and danger. It had made your
for and myself able. Let the grand
younger and I can tell you I am
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your Father feels as happy for he has thanked you all ready and he shall
I and all of us have felt very good you was a gain, we will send you the
and have been living in fear of paper as soon as it is ready do you send
your Father's feelings and his anxiety read what is said in it, now if any be
over money matters we felt the pain he I have said enough for the present fear the
would have to give up in despair but paper will not think as I do and then you

O I am so glad to hear for feel will be in a bad fix you without know
better as to know dear Johnny did so which to believe do I will stop about that
well my dear girls you may have suspected and tell you what the boys that
feel good this mornig the same blame are as Johnny and Thedder are doing now,
filling my heart this mornig if it is rainy I have you know how they have the doct's
and and out second it was dear cheer fixed now they are putting lightes all ar
ful and bring in the haves, I wish you could the front looking you remember how
could do the Table in the Libera it it is done not if you do you will know it
is shocked up with books and presents will be very pretty they are busy all the time
of seeing small several beautiful note tows they have from their books with thoughts
of Congratulation dear Johnny thanks and they are doing well at least all day do
you do nothing for me very nice and there is a young man at work at a children
washed breast and dear mine you know makes he has been up two or three times

[INCOMPLETE]

June -

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to do and help the boys. He is very
much pleased with their work and he
has a good deal of sport with the boys.
He is one of the Edinboro men from
Chogo. Dear Nina you did not tell
me much if anything about those two little
girls you have. In your last letter now I
always want to know just how they are and
if they grow smarter every day please send
a letter over and run for me and tell them I love
them and as hope they are well and are having good times
with their studies and amusements. I am sorry
Dear Thomas felt so lonely but it shows
he loves home for that I am glad I am happy but
are well and happy now and will love there
school. So they cannot go until Easter I
think Thomas will feel better when Spring
is there please give both my love and best
wishes I will write to them soon. Love and best

M. V. M.

Alton On Feb 4/51

My dear Lady, Sir.

I have just been
reading in Mrs. Logan's book and
she says to give your babe Goat
milk and fresh every time you let
babe eat now I do think it would be
a good thing you can have a Goat
in or near the house you can milk
it and have it fresh every time without
any trouble she says have a small
pail and have it in warm water so
the milk when it got cold and
give it right a way to babe I believe
I would try it get a good healthy
Goat and keep it in the house so
you can feed and take care of it

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Dear Mamma and dear little sister if it brings please
bring my love when he comes home. I am very glad
you delivered I as to being it would I am very glad you had Mamma
better for dear little Mamma and I think it
and asks for dear little Mamma is so pleasant to have such fine
they all say I hope comes are not forbes with you it helps you in
good for babies. I have you so many ways I would like to have
off. I go and look that is then with us but we are so black and
brown Mamma it is a good look dirty I feel ashamed to say so
I will send and if you cannot come to the house we heard today that
want to buy one and was there they were a good deal longer but
colored but you can get them don't know how long it is I just had
cheaper if you want to and get a letter from dear Lacy she will
a cook book and week by papers and having a good time now as all well now
with it it may be you have it all Mamma is better with some town this
ready I think Mamma will remember after many I hope my dear little
it it is a good look in a good way felt are little yet well as well can
ways. Well darling how do you be I expect you are having quite a time
all do at this time I hope you with your Brother and sister this I hope
had a grand good time at you they will try and be good children please
party and you are excited of I hope my Mamma and Mamma and Mamma
the little little for me and Mamma

all she could for him. I am sure I too must
think you for your kindness to your father and help
you for all of us you have always been so good.

My dear Thomas I do hope he is well and
must write him a letter. Can you get
him any time you can go there if so
I would go and see them soon I
know dear William would be so glad to
see you two he may not say or show
much but I believe he feels and is
always glad when one notices him.
Dear boys have so long they did not
hear Christmas time I want them next
summer please tell them I love them and
think of them every day and do want to see
them and I hope they will grow up to be
good and useful men be as glad as they
Father and mother has given us a full descrip-
tion of you and your beautiful
entertainment I know it was grand and good
and now if it does not make you sick I
will be so glad you both had what you
wanted and you had a party and were

and kind to all of us I feel ashamed when I
think what little we ever did for you and
your

Dear Anne you asked if you should
receive his trunk. He said it is all
right and we think you should. Feb 18/87
for it. Well, I hope it is right.

try see it without my dear Anne and I
will send you good I was so glad
to hear his description of the party. I hope you
dear Anne to receive a letter from you
this morning glad to learn that you
and your dear little folks were well and
doing so well but say you did not do
much going out to lunch and society
it showed that you are tired and need
rest I think to when good and have
to much so city they get very tired
and wish for a little rest I think you
are having your share of company now
I hope dear Anne is good and well
so all she can to help you and dear
Lacy when she is there with you I know
you must miss dear Mr. Lacy. He
10-5304

Dear Mother, I will write to you soon next time

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he is a very dear much I hope he is not that is worth while. I just returned home now and both are well and happy last evening from Canton I had a very pleasant letter I have pleasant and good it is a good night with Robb and I intend to have some dear me to love and cheer little for he is a very bright and lovely young dear thing you cannot know how much he can walk any place and try much I wish I was a strong and to day every thing he heard one day he is lovely woman it seems to me I never very pretty his life is so dark and bright, wished it so much as I do now you dear how glad I will be when they are here Father wishes so much for some one of to get him next summer I mean dear little that him now while the times are so Charles was for a dear little Madeline hard and he hardly shared what I do I was glad I would be to see both more I think he misses dear much I can't dear little felt down much companying also with B.B. but with Jacob this are for you and every one that may be sweet as he or they were in business to with you please kiss both mine and over for to gether I do feel so sorry for you take me what a shame dear mine had and he feels so cast down and sad I wish had luck and dear little Madeline you would write a clear and strong letter to share the affection to I do hope they letter to him I do feel my weakness as both entirely free of them now and both so much I can neither say or do any thing glad and happy I cannot see how it differs

April.

I will say good night and a dozen of kisses,
to my darling O that little Charles,
at 10 o'clock.

Good night and should I find you
your wishes and how fine we saw
longer than.

My dear little Charles and long
to all and love me all and little Charles
best wishes.

O how we do miss you all we are
all in the sitting room but Edie he
is just across the hall in the Library
Jane is in the Living Room and Annie
are playing Checkers Lotney and Flora
are studying and what it is so quiet
we can hardly do any thing. Annie
and Lotney started out for a ride but
they were such a storm come up they
had to give up and come home. Annie
had to stay at the store until Charles
could go over for her as it rained so
much for her to come on the horse
I felt so anxious about you dear
10-5374

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over on the F train I hardly thought
off Mamma and Bobby I do hope you
were all safe and arrived home under
those safe and sound. I do hope you
found every thing in fine order and
you will have nothing to do but rest
and get to feeling strong and comfortable
and I hope you will have time every
day to kiss those dear little Colombes
over and over every day for me please
give my love and very best wishes
to dear Mr. Edison and tell
him I and all of us want him to
come and see us I do hope you will
find your dear husband and lover
well and happy in the best of spirits
I do hope these few lines will find
you in better spirits and you will
be all right and in two places,

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please write to me just as soon as
convenient and tell me all the news and
every thing you would like me to know
I am eagerly waiting about staying with me
very much now please believe me for I do
please believe me for I do
will feel well and happy. I wish if
you miss any thing please let us know
and I will send it just as soon as I
can. Please tell Ma I have found a copy
of the Cladd book and Herder Baby do
me or they are all right on that line now.
Well darling I will close as it is near
bed time but I am all of mine and all do
much I fear it will take a little time to get
to sleep so here is a going to sleep and to night

pleased to copy my thanks and love and very
best wishes ever from loving Mother all
I am glad you had them and ^{and love too} hope
you will go out to each ^{best wishes} member and
have them again some time I do wish

how dear again some more / do think
it does me good how did learn the
Edison like the gettings you want

tell me any thing about him I always
love to know how he enjoys every
thing especially if you have the charge
of it that is you give you can let me
have it so I would love to hear from
Mr Edison in every one of your letters
I fear he does not care to come hear
or for me as it had been so long since
I was hear I do hope he will come soon
and after please give him my love and
very best wishes and tell him I would love to
see him hear at my little room, hear thing
I hear letter from ^{the} Mary and she wished
me to thank you for that lovely child
one give him it and that black and white

With your own hands. I have seen the same hands
last Sept. it was I think it was so good and
better. I wanted to keep it my dearest thing
it is. I say Mary will give it to you. Oh. 10/9/17
Please accept my thanks with love.

pleased excepting thanks with kind,
We are all well at present Thos was out to
Sunday school today My son having, then an influenza
was unable to get to school in the This is a lovely day

It is warm not dusty nor muddy pleasant
snow as one could wish for a more perfect
day. I do hope these lines may
find all in your house held as
well and perfect as the weather is
here to say, if I remember rightly these
glad days to day it was as near
like this day as two could be
and I am sure there was as much
joy and happiness in your lovely
house as there is to dignify the question
you have a lovely little darling little
son with you to day as well as that
I gift you received this goes as today
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my darling I do trust you may be I do hope you all will come this summer
 so happy as to see both your dear while it is so warm at Orange. I am
 little daughter and dear grandaughter be so very glad you like your self and
 good useful and you and dear Edison dear little brother dear loves him
 may always be glad you had him and is good and ready to do anything and
 much lovely children I do trust they every thing for him do it because he loves
 may do a great deal of good and be him dear little pet I hope that comfort
 a comfort to their dear Parent's love and little Madeline are being good
 very glad I would be to see them here Times with each other and learning and
 little yet now at this time how I would fast I am so glad rather of them over
 love and kiss them I fear dear little but seriously when thrown out of the
 Madeline's almost enjoy her mind will laugh please kiss dear little Madeline
 and she not being well and so mothers over and over for me and tell her I hope
 not well it defiled all the pleasure for her she will not forget me and she will
 and she never will want to come to other come and see me soon I am so very
 again I am so very sorry it was as if glad my darling had such a delightful
 road but my dear we cannot have how I'm with both of the getting at goodness
 to help it is the only thing you can you must have been very kind but now
 as it is to converge and to just over this one and you as a gift to her and I feel
 glad you could have them with you

play Phelma do be and I am a good time with you getting it
 and Eddie and Maimie are sitting must be very hard work for you
 around the little table playing and you must be very busy but I think
 you so and Johnny and Theda your being alone that is not any of us
 have gone to the Lecture or to being with you your friend will come
 hear the little boy Lewis is at in and help you and it will be more
 Mrs Haynes I am not sure whether present all women I think that will
 be will go or not I would like be a very good way for you to get
 to hear and see him very much acquainted with the Judge I do hope they
 I was over to see Mrs Synner will help you in every way they can I hope
 this afternoon Anna is very sick you help will be very kind and good and
 get Mrs Lough is very sick they will do all they can for you I do hope you
 also Bordeny Chibering is better will not worry in the least on anything but have
 there is a great many sick I do hope a good time has Miss Corston come to you
 those two little folks are both well makes she seem to be well and contented and
 and you are well also dear Mr Eakin has you a good nurse for her little child
 he must be tired traveling so much I do hope so and he is well and strong and
 and he doesn't like do it makes it hard he any teeth yet that feather was off from
 for him I do hope you will have others but Maimie found it at the station

I will write down again
pleases except my love and
my best wishes to you and little
Margaret. Love Oh how I miss
better days, ever and long Mother

My dear Elizabeth and William

I received your long
and kind letter yesterday and I
asked Annie to write an answer to
it right away and she did answer
me but did not close it so now I will
try in my poor way to answer it first
I will thank you for thinking of us
in regard of help and thank you for
the offer of Lily for I do think she was
a very good girl and am very sorry she
is going to leave you we would be
very glad to have her with us but we
do not feel as though we could give
but don't and I fear our all of people
she would soon get home sick and
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and would not like it at all. I fear
it is so very different from your baby
home I fear she never will find a
better place but it is better for you
to let her go if she is not contented, and all of us are feeling a little broken
down. I feel sorry for you and
Mr. Edison, your dear Father and I
have the same troubles and anxiety
it is very hard lived with all money money
is the cry all over the land all I can
of is how we can quiet down and be
contented that is what we will have to
do and how shall we do it this is the question
now shall we just settle down and
stay at home and do our own work
and let other suffer for the want of
money or shall we help help and do
with less dread and suspicion we will
have to do one or the other for a while at
least but they will soon change
for the better. Keep up good courage and
do not worry in the least for that will
make it harder for you. Mr. Edison let
us both try and help our dear Father
for they are both good men and will see all they
can for both ourselves and Father's
you pa and Eddie arrived home this
morning from Chicago they will soon be
up on account of the failure of the bank
combination it had all fall through
and we will have to go to our old
work again some are glad and others
are sorry. I hear in little John to day
I kept your dear dear daughter out of
today she is a good comforter and
companion I think so I am glad she is
with you I hope she will be a true sister
and help both in kind and useful words
and in acts of kindness I hope she is
well and arrived in dear sweet New York
and she found all well and glad to see her
I will tell you every thing about home so
I will close as I want to write you and
to your Grace she was not a bit well
when she left us I feel as soon as then
please bid each other for us and kiss the
little folks and say good bye to them.

These little flowers are far dear
little machines I cannot know what
they are but they look so pretty
giving I think they must be something
good they must have a good meaning
of some kind

Heads give my love and best wishes to
Love, Frances and William tell them how
long to see them too. We intend to see
you have a good gull and make things
will have a little rest. ^{and making} if you do not
not have a house full of other ^{with} things
now I think dear if you will just take
the dinner with only your own dear
family that will be enough for you to
do to and have a little rest my dear baby
I will come and make you a long
visit some time this fall or next
winter but my dear I cannot do here
I can come now and as for being
at the bedside I am not anxious to
be there I would much rather just
sit down and talk and visit with
you and not any other come in be-
tween us. I thank my dear very much
for her very kind invitation I do hope you
and your dear ones will have a lovely
time this summer and next summer

will find you and dear Mr. Belton well and
happy I am so glad you are in your
land. ^{about July 1848} I hope you were happy, about July 1848
it would be a change that I can little
believe loves you so much I hope for Mr. Belton
I explain it I have told me. I can tell you
please him but my dear baby I do hope there
is not one spark of unbelief in your
heart that I do not like you and love
you for my dear ones I cannot
express my love and good wishes I
fear my dear you will almost think
I am not telling the truth as I have
reflected writing to you as I should
but my dear I have let one little
thing after another take my time but
not my whole mind for I have
thought of you all the time and wished
all of you were here with me how I
do wish you were here now my dear
if it quiet you want you cannot

please except love and best wishes for Father and Mother and all
your Brothers and Sister. I am ever your loving Mother and by
find a more quiet place than Oak have so may you can take our time
place but we have just been having just as you want her and let her
a night or I ought to say living help you keep the stock right I can
time as dear Robb and Jones hear you say how easy to talk over with
with the I go and Miss Thigh and that but it is another thing to do if my dear
Miss Easton and the two ladies and I cannot advise on that subject
a more girls but they were only no in fact in any other thing as I
hear one night it did seem to be a fair calculation for them and say
that they should go home this evening think if I would go and help you a little
it seems that we ~~had~~ ^{were} just ready about the girls but I say no I cannot
for them when they left us. I think take care of our own I wish I could help
I would had as much if not more good in some way but I don't know how
trouble them you as I am sure she had Grace thinks you are very tired and ought
with her girls she had a house full to have rest and I think so to but I
and no girls these girls are a great fear then without be very much rest
necessary and they do trouble us so at the Oak side you will have the care
much and we cannot get along with of the little folks in every way and
out then my dear if I were in your place as long as you have them with you
I would not worry over my girls for you cannot rest very well but if

Albuquerque⁵

all of you will come the ~~Bohemia~~^{Bohemia} that
owner I want you to build a large
cottage there and you will come there
every summer the boys can take lessons
and it will not be so hard for you but
you can have them when you want them
I hope we can be to get the all next summer
I am say Thomas and William cannot
be with us this summer but I was afraid
they would get homesick with the boys
and they thought they had to stay this year
and would not be much company for any
one you say they feel a little lonely
there in the cottage for I sent them to come
me to come and stay with them but I know
and they want to stay at home so I think
I must stay with them but I may go a little
while with the boys I fear that you
is not as well as he should be but he says
he is well and keeps at work all the time
but I hope he will soon feel better when he
has a little rest. I do hope they know

[INCOMPLETE]

M. V. M.

Shushaby 17/8/51.

My dear lady dearest

Dear Ma you cannot

tell how glad I was this morning to
receive such a lovely letter from you
it was full of joy and love all was
so bright and gleaming you cannot know
how much good such letters do me
I have so often said when I think of my
dear children are well and happy that
is all I want I care not where I am or
what I have to do if it is all right with
my dear ones at present I am all alone
you for has gone over to the post and
Edie's Mamma Gracey has gone at horse
back riding Tim has taken his team
out to take some one out to the park
10-5359

Still love,

[INCOMPLETE]

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now I have nothing in the least to hinder
me from writing you a good letter only
my poor mind or knowing how to put you
know all this so I will not bother you any
more with such stuff, but will rejoice with
you and try to be clear and make glad
you for to be not about your telegram
telling him of dear old Eddie and good
luck I am so glad for both of you now
my dear with you dear feelings of little
felt me everything else I hope you will
continue to feel as at present let little things go
but you will say I can not well think that
is a fact it is the little things rather make
the trouble I will tell you how I know
that this evening when I commenced the letter
I was all alone and thought I would have
just a long time by myself and I could
write just what I wanted and as long as I

wanted to but you see before I had gone
very far until Mr. Martin came in and then
I had to stop and he had not then heard
long before Eddie's illness & they came
from the horseback ride and that caused much
a stir I thought I would have to stop altogether
now that was a little thing but it caused me
to stop and I fear from telling a many things
I am think of tell you when I commenced this
but no I cannot think it will make much difference
with you if I cannot write all I will go on and do
the best I can. We three are in the dining room
with me Eddie is claiming reading Gray's words
perched that have just been done up so they
all keep very quiet they are all very tired at least
they say so I do not think they enjoy the ride
very much or it would not make them so tired
those little felt what would you do without
them I think you prize them rightly for I cannot

[INCOMPLETE]

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Gola made by their little children. How
often I wish I had them in my arms and could
kiss and hug them over and over for a
place me for losing my darling as you
cannot tell how sweet they are until they have
more than Rodkin and Rannet and still Rannet
with her nurse were in here this morning they were
all well and very pleased and happy and proud of
her little one as any other mother I think they all
very proud of their babies Rodkin is quite
Mother and is as proud of the baby as they her
self. I am sure when we go a going to have some
more of her little babies pictures too want
and then we told so pretty who her little children
please kiss and hug them over and over for me
every day I am Thomas and William please kiss
them for me and tell them I as hope they will come
and see me before they go back to school I
would be so much to see them I expect they will
and I expect will have grand times this winter.

Lesley -

I do hope these lines will find all well and
happy. I am so glad Mr. Edwards has such
good friends. I will now close. July 5, 1891.
Only good by floods of softest, my sweetest
love and best wishes and please kiss each
other for me and then
as soon as possible My dear this is Mr. Edison
right to all that
my wish about me. This is a lovely Sabbath
afternoon here and I have no doubt
but it is just the same with you. I
have no doubt but you have more
with you to enjoy it than I have not
heard of all that are at home are
out. A driving Mr. Mason had Annie
Lina had Grace Eddie had Ethel
Phyllis all are out and I am all alone
in the sitting room. This is the third letter
for this afternoon so you see if my
dear ones are far away from me
I can spend a little of the time in
writing to them and if they can read what
I write I can enjoy writing to them.
10-5360

but would rather see them and talk any where with the Editor that is the way
 with them you be left yesterday to be with him and keep his long way
 for the Lake he will be there all time you possibly can go if you do think
 this week if he does not come to you can not you will now be days a miss
 you place he told me he thought the time but be glad. Those little overlings
 he would go and help you move how sweet they are and how much
 and stay a while with you I do hope empty what would you do without them
 he will please write and ask him to I as much had them with many tears cannot
 you for is not well and he works so hard we another of them of dear little
 here there and every where he goes. Unlike I do want another down on it is
 no think it will do him good to be with such a darling as well as dear little children
 you if he does go to do you please try please bid them over and over for me I fear
 and get him to go and do hope. Oh dear little children will never want to come
 but doctor I must write him how any more nor ever to me please don't
 to. He is all well. There are you let her forget me I do love her so much,
 now please write as soon as you can and hope Thomas and William are well and happy
 and tell me you last letter please and doing well please give them my love and
 me so much I am so glad you can be kinder and tell them I wish and hope
 and will pick up and go anytime and they will come and do as before going back
 to school and work and live

Abolish Slavery 15/1/11

My dear friend Mr. Edison

Last day my paper had
not given out but I will write on this
half sheet now for fear I will not get a letter
or a few words sent to you for so long a
time I will get some paper to now and
write again I will just write now and
tell you I do think you do much for your little
and angry innovation to come and see you and
your dear little and your little sister O
how I would love to have them in my arms now
they are so sweet but sometimes without let me
hold them in my arms but they are loved in
my mind and thoughts continually I am so
glad you and dear little children come
and stay a little while with Mr. Edison so
as well as your self must get very lonely
in there among the many men only and I
have no doubt some are rough and good
10-5392

for nothing as for ~~dearest~~ when I think of
 what our dear husband has to go through
 with for the sake of money to keep the wives
 and children I think we ought to be very careful
 and good to them I read the paper and sent
 me at least I think you sent them they
 were about Mr Edison and the paper
 they are very good indeed but I think they
 have made Mr Edison older than he is
 actually not I think it is wonderful what Mr
 Edison has done and is still doing I met
 Whipple MacCall when at Cleveland he
 asked all about you and told Bishop
 Tinslet that he had held you on his
 knee many a time when you were a little
 girl he set you off in flying colors
 I also met Bishop Doxton he asked
 all about you you and he spoke about
 being at your home and told me how he

Mr.

Deeds believe me ever pressing
Mother & Deas kiss each other and
the dear little felt for me I get
Good words from Thomas and Miller
though the boys & Schuff and I feel I am so
enjoyed being there. He had a very pleasant
time at school and hearing and seeing the
Bishop and taking dinner with them the
dinner was almost equal to Major
Estens but that was the grandest dinner
I ever sat down to I never will forget it
but this time we had Bishop's Indigo
and Laysan and all the great men & women
Miller gave us an invitation to the dinner.
They six hundred College students
holding a gathering of some kind I can't tell
and they had a party time some had to stay
up all night they sang and talked and
stomped all night we didn't get much
sleep on their account, the Mission is in
the sitting room and I am in the
10 - 5342

Mamma are talking over the past and trying to find out whether and whether not Mr. Main does not think they are as old as Lewis says they are so they have to bring up the fact to show their age. As she has gone to Boston to attend to her business I and all of us are watching the Bell of the moon did you see it, My dear if I can not go with you to see the dear boys to give her, and my dear what shall I get for I hope you will go and have a good time with them. Oh how glad they will be to see you are in hopes you are coming home one Smith each would make a list of what Christmas and they can come home with you now my dear what do you think a boat each having their Christmas at their own homes and then all coming home each for work with this I think I will close but New years please let us know in your next if you do not hear any of the rest come home we will have a small time I think but any way I hope to have paper and despatches

we will try and be contented until the year I expect you are lonely sometimes I want Mamma to go and stay with you but she thinks she has better wait until Miss Constan gets home if she goes now she might take to much of pleasure and claimed time and she thinks after she leaves will be better all around when so you think she he Maria what do you think will be good for to give her, and my dear what shall I get for dear Thomas and William what do you think make please them I hardly know what to get for any they want and then I can get what I can from it it will not be long before we will have to get things to gather. Well my dear I am making to my new part paper and some other paper but I thought I would send the piece I had wrote on this time I write to you my dear please give

The life to come. We are having lovely weather
it does not seem like winter. I shall be
free this little while for me and Miss Cook
other for me and Miss Cook. Dec 15/89
I tell my love and my affection to
best wishes and please give my love to
Dear Garrison, Thomas and respect to Miss
Constance and all. Sincerely yours, I am
very dear, dear, dear and dear
Ever your loving sister, I hope you will
excuse me for not writing to you before
this but one little thing after an other had
kept me from saying what I would love
to do but we will let the post do best
and will try now to write a few lines
hoping they will find you and all well
and happy. Dear little Marjorie and
Charles right well of the children
and free of any other trouble I hope
to that dear Thomas is better and
well dear by it must be very hard
for him to feel as he does neither
rich nor well I do think it is the
hardest way that one can be placed
in dear Anna I hope you will have
10 - 5350

patience and love for him for a little good luck in starting the mill and the
while for he is in the hardest time. Edwin is pleased with every thing,
his life if you can keep him all right. Dear Anna I have these little pages for
for a while he will be all right the rest of the piece of money you can hang them
of his life and he will always love on the tree with the ribbon. Hope they will
and respect you families are respect please god and the two little girls dear
is all you need to as for him. With love little me I would love to see them now
will soon be with you and he can tell I do wonder if I will see them again
you make it pleasant for all that are in your Father's hands of going to sleep
you lovely home I am so glad he is to move he can and will tell you every
well. Fanny has been sick ever since thing over now that I can write so I
I have been home but to day he is feeling well. I hope to write a few lines to dear
better and was over to preaching matters. Grace's and Johny I or we expect them
he cares little of office in to moving but I know soon as I will write only a few lines
fear he cannot remain is in the family to this also. Mr. Whifflet is my new one
day but I think she will be all right in fear he will not get well how glad we
the moving had is what I think I do hope should be that our dear husband are
the better if not right well else Fanny as well and are afraid to and I hope that
hope she is well or as well as she can be when they are called from and I hope you
at the present time; there are good now be with Mr. Bain and enjoy his company all you
just thought of my; be you were at the can for we do not get the way north but when
mines with Mr. Edwin I hope you had deprivation will come off all my dear friends and I hope
and enjoy this life and be ready to enjoy it.

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Hart Dec 30, 1891

My dear lady Maria and Mr. Edwin
I hardly know
how to commence or to write this letter
for I do feel so greatly disappointed
must being gone with us to morrow
morning and to stay with us for a
long time so we could have a
good long visit to gether when it
is quiet nothing to call and hear
and then all the time I do feel very
much disappointed but I will try and
hope it is for the best this way but
is rather hard for me as I yesterday
I cleared the hall closet all out
for you and I had the ~~the~~
Beaver brought down from the Garret
and few little Charles' birds all

fixed and we were nearly all
ready when the word came that
you thought it best not to come
after that I stayed and have not
done much of any thing since another
thing you Father went at home and I
fear he will not be home for Christmas
he is in a bad mood and will be
all the week he was there Christmas
and we had a very quiet time I can tell
you but pleasant we hope to have
Grand and Robbie with us during
for dinner Louisa and day she
would not be up but I think Robbie is sick or ill it is true but
will get her to come she feels very
bad just now it is just a fear
that her Aunt died and now her mother she stayed if she can help you any for I
it is hard for her she and the rest
are very well the dinner was called
home last night his Father was very
low I have not heard to day how he is

I do hope Thomas and William are better
yes very well by the time this reaches you
I do hope all are very well and happy and
and you had a very Merry Christmas
now I wish you a happy day and all
all of you invited friends come I am
morning and will tell me if they did not then
very nice if they did come I know very thing
was lovely and dear little children and
Charles had a good time I do hope dear
Thomas and William were able to be around
a little could see the tree and eat a little
of the Christmas dinner I am so sorry they
is so poorly to I do hope she is feeling better
When will I hear he home I am so glad
that you ought to have a little rest you
will get worn out just think on the 20
even since I have been away and was
tired all most out before that I do hope
you will let dear James help you all you
the can

He is pleased and can do a great
deal when he starts at it I do hope she
is very well and having a very good and pleasant
time I think it will do her good to stay away
from home a little while. He was very
tired when she was here, please give her
my love and best wishes and tell her to
stay as long as she wishes and had
a good time we will try and make stay
of Mr. Edison at the studio as much as ever
and if he is right well was he very much pleased
with his desk and all the other things that you
gave him I am sorry you could not get
the picture finished what was the trouble
why little bit we have his little chair ready
and will start it in the morning to him
it is very plain and light so he can play
with it just as he may like I am very sorry
you could not get smaller ones but could not
bear. Tell my dear I will stop for this time
but will write soon a great big one and
all are very well and happy I do wish you
and all a very happy Christmas and anything
is in good when please let me hear just
how you are all are please write often tell
me everything you can and write to me soon

I will stay good by our aish you to / please /
accept my may may thanks and good wishes and bless
his each one and the two little / kids for me I send
Edison I am hope he will be careful of him self and
try to keep well it is hard to think you may are leaving
and now is to you and keep well. I should say 1892
please continue to all that are with you. I think you
/ a will be with you some time this week and be
pleased to know for my dear China and Edison
the city was all well but now I did think I would
miss you. I stay at home today for school. I
not write to you at this time as you father
will be there so soon so I wrote a letter
to Aunt Lucy so that is the reason you
are not the first one that I write to this
year you are the second one and I do
wish you as much a happy May day
as if you were the first one. Dear I am glad
you and your all the happiness this little
world can give you and when this
life had finished its course I hope a
greater joy and bliss awaits you.
My dear I cannot tell you how sorry
I was when we received the word you
10-5366

Will write in standing love and good wishes and a happy New Year

Yours and kisses to all and all ever your

Long Mother

could not be with my dear I was be glad to do any thing in the world to make
so sorry and I send all the best wishes your happy, you Father and myself as best
and I feel sure they all do excuse your hearts full of love and made especially for
and soon, whether it will you on account you and do want to do all and anything you can
of the sickness in your family it is for you please of self our may may thanks
hard to have any thing that is not pleasant for you very many ways of comfort and so
such times as Christmas and the holidays and I cannot stand here in the world I will
we all miss you all at the Table and ever come any other near paying you for
all express a wish you were all with us the many very nice presents you have given
but my dear I can truly say they for one please of paying may thanks and good wishes
all feel anxious for you to be happy I so hope these lines will find you and all well
and know they feel all right toward you and happy I am so sorry for you Thomas and
and don't want you to feel one moment When this vacation will be so short and
that they have one hard thought against you unpleasant for them there is not much pleasure
but will be so glad to meet you here for one when they are sick I was in hospital
at home and at their homes any time you they could be with us now but it is so you say
can come and enjoy you self please this would not much please if we have to take
my dear is not for one moment think these wishes and feel sick as hope they and all of
is one that does not love you and will. You are well mind and can enjoy some little set

My dear Minnie,

I have wanted to write you ever
my return home and thank you
for the pleasant visit I had with
you. The family felt all regret
about your not coming home.
Father was disappointed but did
not feel vexed.

We looked for the boys all week.
Our boys do not go until last
of this week and if you intended
the boys to stay but a week it
would have been all right and they could
have stayed longer if they wanted to.
I will write you a longer
letter soon.

Truly
Minnie

If I could but please to get my very
best wishes and love please bid each other
for me and those two little fellows. I have heard
they are Smith? could see them now please
give my love and best wishes to
Dear Thomas and William. I should have
wrote old to all saying friendly I am ever
your loving daughter

My dear daughter Minnie

If my darling
will please excuse me I will
write only a short letter this
time as this will be the last Sunday
that we will have dear Thomas & Mary
and a Thacker with us for a long time.
I would not write at all to day if I
did not feel disappointed in not having
the boys that is Thomas and William
with you. Father this morning we look
for them all day yesterday but you
Father cannot get home until this
evening I am very sorry the boys cannot
come to but it may be all for the best
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I am a going to add for them all
next dinner please remember that I
hope they are both well and are glad
school time is so near, and Father
is well also all the rest of us and
we are having very fine slaying
now we had a telegram from
Norwalk asking you to come now
as they had fine slaying and gay
times you will have who it was we
was very sorry to telegraph back that
you were not here I was out to
Mr. Lehman's for a lunching
Friday so many expressed themselves
by asking all about you and your
and saying they were so sorry you
could not be home this winter I had
a very pleasant time this have another
invitation for next Thursday at the

Finney the Ladies are invited to
carry their thimbles and sew the after
noon they are very pleasant gathering I
think we want one ad soon as the boys
are off for school O how I will miss
the boys and shame it is so good when
they are away I wish you could come
then and see us but it would be very
lonely for you as you would miss the
boys and shame, you Father enjoyed
his visit with you very much I was very
glad to learn that all were well and happy
I do hope these lines will find you and
all in perfect health and spirit Eddie
and Emma are overtaking dinner with
child Angie don't let them hang out
Should have dinner soon Sunday dinner was
not very well but want to go to the home from
Morton for next Thursday at the

Love and best wishes to one and all.

Edison St. Jan 17/1892.

My dear Minnie & Edison

How do you do
you are this beautiful day I do
hope all are well and able to enjoy the
bright sun and white snow the sun
with the sun makes it very light and
cheerful any place you may go what
would we do without light I think
Mr Edison has striven out one of
the most important subjects of our life for
what can we do in the dark we must have
light for our most common work light to read
light to understand any thing what a wonderful
thing light is and when we can enlighten
our minds what happy and useful men and
women we can be I trust we may all have
that true light that cometh from above.

My dear China do you know your mass as you wrote me last I do not want death
 we feel bad when I read your last letter feelings come into my dear old mind for
 I am sorry you have such a feeling I do love you and all the rest of my dear ones
 towards me my dear what can I say but I do think I can do them more good by
 or convince you that I am enjoying myself staying at home and hope they will come
 with you always it is true some and some at our home and let me do some
 times I get to thinking about home and feel thing for them if I can but would ever do
 as though I ought to be at home but my will do want but very little that you
 dear it is not that I cannot enjoy my self with you all ready now my dear would enjoy
 you after I come home I have to think being with you while the dear boys and
 if you were here with me you would think I am with you not all to gether that they
 think are feel as though you would rather be with them but you and your dear ones with
 at home all the time two it takes me so long all but home together I think you will have
 to get settled and feeling all right again a house full when they all get there anyway
 so may they get out of the place I hope them but please do let me thank for the invitation
 in and O I can not tell exactly what all it is better with them I do hope you will not go
 is the matter but it makes me feel home to any story trouble for them but let them help
 sick for a week or to after I come home I you and do something for you as you think you
 feel lost our house looks different will go on with them to school that is what you
 and every thing is so different it takes me that Thomas is well enough to go now and
 a long time to get used to our home my dear he has had such a poor vacation too
 dear I do hope you are not sincerely feel as hope he will soon have better health

Jan.

It is a going to leave us soon. Should Jan 24/1881
at this gift warm day. My dear dead bird there
how little I like I am with the with you as he will
well I could have they all are Robbed are better
I think. I am sure had a lovely day since last
Friday evening with others, I think you will feel him
soon alas as he is to go east next Monday
or Tuesday. I am all longing for him and all
all well and so hope all are with. How as you do
you find it all time and last night from the
after having such a large quantity of young
flocks with you so long it must seem
very quiet to you now after having all
along in the other they are so many of it
seems as though they could not keep still
I cannot know what I should write as if
he cannot have to stay with him. I am sure
quite down a little and in a while I
do hope they cannot make and did not
make like the Edison feel any words I
hope the other way I hope like the Edison
is feeling better if not right well and he
is happy and everything is just as he likes it
and it had seemed a little like fashioned
to him about I cannot know if they had a
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-large number of young folks at home or in getting to those destinations they were until
 not but I think they must or they would not ^{in the night} be getting to distant offices it is to exactly her
 crash, mirth and have pop corns I hope any such bad luck but they will have to learn how to
 may they cannot make him tired and all do better in the future I expect they have to be good
 out of fit I do hope but will please expect all at any rate more than I can tell good for one
 my may may think for good business to cannot tell every thing on paper as they can talking
 my bailed or my baby boys and dear mine with you I am glad they had such a good time at-
 my dear I cannot know how to thank you least they write they had a good time I wish Thomas
 enough for the many kindnesses acts of love and William had been with them how they ever had
 and help for all of us I cannot know when to Washington shops but are well and will have
 if ever we can begin to pay you for a good time with the boys the rest of the winter than
 all you have done for us I do hope you say the boys names meet the doctor while there
 will please expect my love and thank any air be enjoying his visit with you and what can
 way and please let me as a little if I can be think of Thomas as he think it safe for him
 and when ever I can I expect packed to staying with his to us as they are how may boys
 a gay time or I ought to say a good time and he have with him and are they very much boys
 many singing and playing shops dear occasional would have the doctor examine
 Thomas could get his violin and be Thomas gets well and have his health well
 played for you while others sang it was cared for before letting him go back to
 do had they were so late in getting there school I am glad Thomas is so well and happy
 the night they reached you love home it seems please give best my love and best wishes when
 as though they had to have late hours you write I am sorry they cannot get there this
 winter but have had fun all along but I hear

Wandering this is do full when the God of
of making

The happy and have a good time
love to all from all.

My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Edison

I received a letter
from dear Mamma this morning telling me
of dear Mr. Baird's illness. I am so sorry
to hear it I am sure by the time these
lines reach you he will be better but
he will have to be very careful and I do hope
will you for I was just the same as
the Edison he kept going and going
untill he had to give up I had the
Doctor but you for would laugh and
say O I am not sick and say I am
procturing my self all the time he was
taking Whiskey, Claret wine and Rock
candy that is very good but it will
and always you for is taking medicine
of the Doctor now and is getting better
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and I am very glad to say we are all
 well all at an usual work and feeling
 well and happy only a little homesick
 so many may guess what as long as they some of our fear and other things away
 are all having good times I will feel content and when I see a little of that kind of
 red and wait for their return Oh how I
 do wish you were coming home with them so with poor soul I make for writing away
 it may be you could if you can't will I am coming I am not surprised that you
 do you good I fear you work tired don't write to me but I am going to
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 said he would bring me some but he time he has while at your house and he
 forgets them I am a mighty call him now thanks his Father for letting him have
 and ask him to bring me some when he so much time and fun he say they ought
 comes home for dinner Oh how I wish to be good boys and he is going to try
 you and Mr. Edman were going to do to be I am like grand than I think they are

with us for dinner to, I hope my next letter
 will be better as I have asked for some to
 be here at noon I have been feeling
 made it makes my hand tremble a little
 do with poor soul I make for writing away
 it may be you could if you can't will I am coming I am not surprised that you
 do you good I fear you work tired don't write to me but I am going to
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two pretty nice boys if they only continue
to be so when men get well be glad we have
them, but it is hard to have good when we
are full of the cares of this life and that is
the time we need more good. I don't really
be good able dear William if he had well
he will be all right too. I can be busy about
Thomas. I was talking with brother Johnston
about Thomas. he says he ought to be outside
all the time run and climb and do any thing that
would cause action all over his body. he
has some means for his trouble but I cannot
tell but it means he is changing from
boy to man and it is quite a hard time of his
life he needs for one thing around he
should not play alone and he confused
to one thing for a while when he is over this
time he will be all right and make up all
the time as it better to himself. I am confined to
study now let him come home with him
if he would like to not take care of him and
it will be a change for him anyway when
I see I have a few times from him in the
other day and he said she would be well too
some time this week. it may be she will be
here by the time this reaches you. I am dear
Wives she ought to be home with me. I would

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to have her with me more but I fear it
would be too much for you to go to the
city with Anne as I think she would like to
have one or other go with her. I think Anne
has better stay if she feels able to and go
with Anne or she can stay at home with
the little kids and you go just as you see
feel about that. I will try and wait patiently
until the time is at then I will feel better
if they or Anne ^{James} does not come home to
me now we are agreed to have three or
four young men stay with us a few
days. it is the young men Christians
and a Christian so they will be company
for a few days. next to the 22 we
have a Thanksgiving with day of things
the C. E. C. that will be a little
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Time taken up. Mr. Linn comes over
meets me while for a meal but
with all of this I miss my darling
and would be glad if they were all with
me to any and all the time but my
dear you know that would be myself
fish in me that would not do just this
I left my dear mother and she would
well know after this I think of it but
I suppose it was all right or it would
be. I asked you for the other day
why he wanted folks to marry. He
said my anxious that every day shall
change the said because it was right
and if the said something seem not
contented and happy it may be so. I hope
all my dear ones may get good
companions as far as they have made
choices they have done well. I think
I am glad they all seem to enjoy life
and are doing well. Louis was of that
her two little folks. I am not content

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there are they all seemed to be may will
pleased with these little folks little things was
just getting out of this even that for has
had a little time of it to let it better now,
My dear I fear I am making you think
I think I had better stop the whole time
blowing for now. The men will be here
I can tell you something
I will wait until after dinner before
saying so good by for a little time.
Well dinner is over I have a new pen
I hope can do it and you think is some
improvement. My dear I am very good
feel anxious about me for I am well and
all of us are well and good. I am while
we were at home we were all at the table and
seeing letters from our dear ones. I have
told us the letter to the was a young to
have a large party a week for to night I
will be very nice. Well my dear
I will close as the Governor is waiting
to take this to the office. I am hope

will give you and all well in a happy ⁸
dear Mr. Eviden is afraid to be up but
will be very careful for a while that is
the better thing for him and all of us.
Pleas likes those two dear little letters
and Pleas likes them. Minnie said if
it won't hurt to be hidden she is no
bad to hide you Pleas give her and
all my love and best wishes.

O yes will Pleas ask the girls
to bring some large sealed boxes
Eviden wants some also you Father
Mr. Minnie is in town for a moment
he is starting some place and will spend
Sunday in James town he is well
and seems to be happy love me good
make us all my dear ones Pleas let
me have a letter when you have time
to write. Love to those two little letters
Pleas believe me when I say I do long for
you and your love ever for long.

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please kiss them for me tell them I am looking
for them please give my love and many regards
for good business and for what you have done
for my Lawrence while with you
quitting home and best. Apr 11/1892
write to Alexander Edison and tell him I wish him
to come with you and please give my love and
best wishes to Marion tell her I look for her
my dear little boy my darling when with Edison
good by with love and regards to you as you do
me and other kisses to you and to
after such a time of getting nothing
afraid wrong and having to say with
you so long you must have felt
lost when you was left for about
one hour it could not be much
longer than that before Eddie arrived
at your house or that you meet at
the dock I think you would be
glad when all were settled and you
could say well I can sit down for
one moment in peace. I wanted time
and time to write a few lines
to you but I thought you would
be here so soon I would not care
for a letter but I thought I would

just write a word or two to let you is well now and I hope all will be as well
 here we were all well and were looking Anne and Harriett as well and
 for all of you hear well "Friday" both day they had a splendid time with
 some one said to day that Mr. Edison was they both seem to enjoy themselves
 though he would not be here before very well I am so glad for when Anne
 Tuesday before the wedding now I just left here I feared she would be very sick
 all of us want him to come before before she was well I hope she will have better
 that we want him to come with you health after this my dear I think you ought to
 and stay three or four weeks please take better care of yourself Anne says you
 longer if possible he does not have Anne's rest before you might hardly you
 him come with you for if he does must rest or you will be out before you
 not I fear he without trying his day think another what will become of you
 hear as you go to Chamois the two little I like little darlings I am
 first of May and that will be best so glad I can see them I am so
 lovely for him as have him one I do hope they will like it hear if it
 with you, I hope Harriett has kinder is only warmer and dry out and
 safe and is well and happy and I think they will like it if has been
 will feel better so as to come right rather an unpleasant day to day but
 a long with you also I think it will I would rather it would be so now for
 be fine if we all can be together we stand a better chance for good
 and so soon to I do hope we will weather the 21st and while you are in it
 get sick before the wonderful day all and I want you and the little darlings to
 have a good time while here

I do hope this will find all well and
just as happy as any one can be. I feel
wrote just as soon as you can and tell
me any thing I cannot forget you and
much I have behaved better while you were
with us. I feel except my sincere love I am
ever your loving sister

Love to all please bid them for me
and let them know you for should they appear.
me

My dearest daughter

I have you

have just left the house and went
far from your home and now
as I am writing these few lines you
are not far from us but too far for
me to see you and talk with you so
I will just write a few words to you
let you know how we all are here
Come over right a way and has just
now left me but Fannie has just
come in so I am not alone another
thing just as we drove up to the house
we saw Mrs. Plumeria Lidia at the
door they come to see you and
Marion they were very sorry to miss
you they wanted to come before but

And Elmer has not been well and
was trying to clear a little and get
ready to go to Mount Church. My
little next Thursday to do her sister
she is not very well. I have been sure to
give you her best wishes and respects
and tell you she was very sorry not to
meet you. They had only left the
house when we had a telegram telling
us I am not ~~and~~ she came and
Elmer would be home Sunday morning
from Chicago and see my darling
I will not be alone very long the
boys say they will stay with me to
I do hope my darling will be here
will arrive home safe and in due
time and will find dear Mr. Edison
well and waiting for you at the station and as soon as
I do hope all are well and you found
every thing in perfect order and you
feel as happy and comforted as a kitten
or as one possibly can. I hope is
ready and I will wait, me to go.

I will finish after for we have and
suffer I have I wish you and all were
here to eat with us but I know you will
have so much better supper and you will
have you dear I hope you will find and that
will make it still more pleasant and good
I cannot think any one can cheer and
comfort a wife. I know dear Mr. Edison
will do all he can to make you home
and life pleasant and happy. I do hope
you will let him come and comfort
you at all times and under all circumstances
my dear I want to be a comforter and
say something that would do good but I
I fear I grieve and cause more harm
than anything else. I do hope my darling
will please forgive me for all my many
mistakes and bad conduct and
I do never do but me please and comfort
pleas believe me I will do every thing I
can and you please. I do hope Mr. Edison
and the two little girls for never more
and I am very glad to hear of your
dear Mr. Edison. I hope you will
say things to you that you have heard

this life looks longer & dear to us every
other but my dear I find not long and we
can do a bright light in our path mostly
not all the time if not look aright. I am so very
glad my dear and have such a loving and
kind husband what a comfort and what it
is to have an earthly friend we can go close
to and tell him all the little things and troubles
of the day or days as they pass I do hope we
will grow stronger and stronger out of
trials the longer you may be permitted to
live to gather dear ones and at last to
my heart a happy home in Heaven. I am so glad
you and dear Anne have such good time to
gather and she likes dear little Charles and
little Charles so well I hope the longer she
stays at home and becomes a constant visitor
and the little darling to the better she will like
all and love her home better and better every
day will you please tell dear Anne I would write
to her if I could only write better but I can
not write so I would like to wish she would come
and see us make me a long visit I will be
so glad to see her hear of any time she would
like to come I will hope she is well and happy
tell her it is quite pleasant hear news and will
be as long as the leaves stay on the trees so
and is a good time to come. I am so glad
walking out on the grass a little while ago and
I wish of dear little Charles was here what
a nice time she would have in playing
and she did love to see do the little life and
hear Anne said she had no more time
she had

With my dear I fear I have tired you out trying
to read this I think I will stop hoping this will
find you and all your dear ones well and happy
Anne said Gray was well and well pleased
with her room I would be glad to hear that
she felt so bad when she left home.
With my dear will you
Dear the Dear
I am so glad my dear and my best wishes and
will you go to dear old dear William and
tell him I felt for me
our dear Anne. My dear duty to me
longer long together. My dear if I had
thought that you were at home all these
I would have sent you a few lines long
before this but as we were trying to clean
a little and I thought you and Anne
were with the boys and Grace I would
wait until to day and then have a
letter at your lovely home by the
time you arrived home but last evening when
Anne came home she told us you were
go with the boys to that and able to let us
Dear William was not well yet I am very
sorry to learn of his lameness but hope
he is well by this time and he is well
in every way Anne said the boys were
very well and happy but she and Gray
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to their report we have a letter from Abby Stacy first of all then its not will be easy
 the same day she came home so we could my dear don't worry about the dear boys
 Tell her something about them they said they will come out all right in the court of
 Thomas was entering into work like a time give them time they are young yet have
 good plans and they thought he liked at them do they many love and our all will be
 my much this time he looks well and well. My dear I wish I could write a letter that
 would comfort you I do hope he will stay would come any where near and many do last
 and have good luck this winter but my letter go out so but my dear you know our
 dear we must have patience and not give up I am a poor comforter as a sister
 expect to much of the dear boys we must I am to ignorant on each the way of expressing my
 remembrance they are young and cannot give self as I might I have glad I would be if I could
 understand what it is to study we must write one word that would give you heart
 not expect men of young boys dear William and make life easier my dear had glad I
 just think they are having him as what a world he if I could help give him a good
 man is trying to do think all expect to care for god but how can I please do tell
 much of him I think let him learn to me what ever I can do I will gladly for my
 studying our plain English and moderate dear I know of no one that can help as
 it well and then there will not be any fear but the one that do it all things he has said if
 he will study Latin Greek and Hebrew we will take up his good and follow him
 all that will be necessary I would not worry he will help us in every time of need let us
 the dear child and myself with that which look up to him and call on him often for
 he loves study better & get him to love very often I am sure he will help us in every
 in our

It is so pleasant & profitable to dwell
 of you my dear friend & to converse
 with you in this I could prolong with comfort
 I do thank you so much for the invitation
 invitation you gave me and all I feel to come to
 about the quite opposite I hope soon will go if they
 do I will be one of the number. My dear son
 mentions in your letter that you felt so
 sorry that you had let Williams go to school
 when he would not have well known my dear
 you are not the only one that has done the
 same thing your sister Grace was feeling so
 sorry when she started to college I guess a
 long time and yet feel sorry she is going
 but my dear it is so very hard to tell just
 what for the best some times I think we
 might grow all the time if we waited to be
 perfect and know just what was the
 right thing to do and when was the right time
 to do it I think about after forty years
 experience made up my mind to try and do
 the best I now know and let the rest in the
 good ones care how I do not know how
 can tell just what is the best for our dearest
 I hope my dear we will trust in him that can
 and will do all things well for them that trust
 and believe and he will be happy and exulted
 and in the moment he is so swiftly
 led to the best advantage.

please & left love and very best wishes and
kisses from ever your loving Mother,

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My Darling, this is the Edition

Just think, you
all alone go Father in to colleges
mine make mine out to drive also
Cassius alone & ^{also} Lincolns that
leave me alone I have thought of you
so much to day have wondered if you
were alone and if you felt that way it
is a sad feeling but I am so used to it
I can face it - easier than you may
I fear mine I am wish it was so we could
go to each others homes a little easier
now we no Bara casts to bond
our Sunday and harvest if they would
but since they have said this last - I'll let
they must come away often especially our
Sunday we think this hope very pretty and good
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it seems to be very well and is very good. I am so glad you Father was not so
 wishes it that you know that is a sign of a good-babe I do hope these lines will find you and all well and happy I hope
 the Emersons will find you to day I do hope he are living not turning up your noses
 always will come home one Sunday he and being every thing in a cypressing I am
 ought to give up one day in a week and so glad you can have your house cleaned
 there is no day as good as the day that and all in order while you are a way
 the good one has given us it comes when it is so much more pleasant for the family
 we are tired and we have our work in and you self also I would always try to have
 such a way we can lay it down and will it do, you for day be told you that I think
 not heavy This is a lovely day it is neither and I would be there soon on this week more
 hot nor cold and the leaves are turning my heart as much as I would love to see
 so it makes it very pleasant to be out seeing you and those two little darling I fear
 We had our new minister with us for the first we cannot be with you this week I will
 since this morning he was in Sunday school tell you I think wants to go to Miss Jones
 and was very pleasant there with the children I knowes Throwing the twenty and would
 and then he gave us a fine sermon we love to have her go and she thinks she
 all enjoyed it very much and we think we cannot do better as she does not like to
 will like our minister very much they travel on the cars so I think I had better
 took dinner with us Friday we expected stay at home and wait until another
 then all night but they are delaying in time I do wish all of you were here now

I am ever your loving brother, your father and all
join with me in saying how we wish with all heart
you think it is dead about please Mr. Oliver dear!

4
My dear will you please let me know when you
think would be the best time for a little vacation
I would like to have it as soon as you come
and you know Christ comes sometime Sunday
so I should be bound to fit it to suit you
please let me know what time this week or next
day you will leave your lovely home for
Abraham we want to have it so as to please or be
convenient for all please let me know as soon as
you can so we can all be looking this much better
get to situation out

How do you do
at this time I do hope well and happy my dear
I have just had my bath and feel quite clean
and about ready for the lovely Sabbath I have
to bath on Sunday afternoon I can still wash
and ready for Sunday school and church & easy
and the day seems so much easier and happy
I so wish all of my dear children finally felt
like going to church I do think all would feel
so much better all the time I am sure it would
not be very pleasant for the children to go but if he
would go so as the others would go I think he
would feel better he would feel that he was doing
all he could for his family and a clear conscience
is a quite comfort I do hope my dear you are
feeling better than when I was with you last
15th of 1876

Yours for little father

Well my dear please to write my very best wishes and believe me when I tell you how long you
and those two dear little family and your dear husband I do want you to be happy with them and
to those dear ones that look to you for comfort and counsel by no means do I forget that
you have been in the doctor and good words. My dear how do you get on now
we doing something for yourself do try and keep. Can Anne, are you not most tired of her
well it will be so much more pleasant every way and wish she would go home. I think she is
I so want you to live to see those three dear making you quite a visit or a stay I hope she
little ones for no one can do for them as their mother without her welcome but I do think
dear Mother. I felt very sorry when Edie is to leave is a bad time for her to come and stay with me
and the Edie has about come for the winter ce while my dear why can't you come home
I know it makes him feel sad and troubles with her and stay with her I know you are longer
but my dear you will have to cheer up and if the Edie will let you if he stays at the house
help him to have his perfecting and hand why not come home and stay while he is there
work he needs all the help he can get in I wish you would I think it would do good and pass
the way of sunshine and a bright happy face this has been a very changeable day sometimes
try my dear and let him see smiles and the sun will shine not it will snow and
a happy face at the table and all the time be very dark and gloomy. So my dearest
they are worth more to him than all the to ask you when you will start home be there
letters and I believe you can put me dry it will be fine to meet in New York and come
my dear to dress if I can but wish that is home to get the boys are quite anxious to
the most becoming to you and if please come home but still they write very good letters
Mr Edie is better than any other way you can see. John says he is only a going to write to
I do hope every thing will come all around just you and me as not any of the others write to
as Mr Edie would like it let it all help him him now we can see what we gain by writing
all we can by wearing bright faces and having a few lines once in a while to him and the
family

Dec -

Many a letter is to be forwarded to Scotland
from trying to get some relation and his
Jah's Clarke ready for he that takes a little
of my time & I go to get some to him
for us but could not go to
him to do it the I should find some of
him about my family then my family
and hope will do it for rest of your dear book
to have but come just as you
but we are of the living in a much better
down a few in the day long. My family then
before the time of what the call of the
you must be here most to do it to
with you could make up you mind to
come home just as you are every day
at home you do go to so much hard
work in dressing yourself and your
little family now do not worry any
more about you dress in anything else
but come just as you are and have a
good time I do hope you can stay a
long time and have a good rest I
am sorry Mr. Edson thinks he has to
go home in a way to do it but so hope
he will enjoy the time he is in and
my family I hope you will not be
disappointed in the house where you
10 - 2207

my dear want to write a few lines to ² Dear, going to this evening hoping you and
all are well and happy but I do so please, softness and very first with you and for the same to
I find you think I am working hard to gether that will be the best
very hard to get things fixed up of all other things we can have ^{some}
so very fine, now my heart hope you and having some luck you
will come home expecting to find it time to gether and last for better
as when you was here flying and nest here with each other you ^{the} little
seeing friends just your old home I do hope and there is a little more with you
my dear you know I do not know how to share and share each one of them
to fly up fine and in the new light and my self were about to do the new
I would love to have things nice and home in it. I hope it is not a good
letter if I saw how to but my heart to be with a fine home and all made
I am a going to let every thing stand up there, mindes if they would stand
just have a good sleeping time when let love come in there every thing would
you come for I know near that last night I do hope these lines will find
more than any thing I do hope by the way and have to be with two little
since this reaches you you will feel well and happy & I do hope the little
feel a little rest and life will be long will enjoy this time here and that
seem better to find that is it will not will be good to be here little living last
seem such a hard thing to live after I now what to do to make it pleasant and a
all my love it was not so com as happy great time of when there is no doubt but then
we were a going to have a very great will come there I do all of us, mother and
children of friends but I do hope Thomas and William will all come and they
are a going to have a good happy and tell them all we want them for sure and
happy

Will not wait a gain as we will meet
 some and can talk which I am not so
 much either. so then will expect to hear
 a few as I have now if there is any thing you
 would like to ask or should like to hear I will
 hear I will wait until we meet on Tuesday
 any thing more. My dear lady Anna and her
 family are very happy. I am very
 glad to hear that you are well. I will write
 a few lines just to let you know
 I am thinking of you and hope
 know that I am all well. I will be glad
 to see you at the time you have
 set but I do hope dear Mr. Chalmers
 will be here Sunday morning as we
 hardly know how to change the
 time but we will rather than to
 go on with out him that would
 spoil the whole affair and I fear
 Talney and Porter Thomas and there
 will not be here neither but we have
 no hopes of their being here some
 in hopes every thing will come on

I think you will
 be very glad to hear
 of my recovery.

around all right and we will have
a grand good time. I do hope my
sister Anna will not be disappointed
don't expect very much of anything
then there will not be disappointment.

I am so glad all are well and get
ready to come home I will be
glad if we can get something that
you and Mr. Edson will like and
enjoy Mr. Libberling & family will
all be at home but one thing the
she lives so far a way and the
little folks are not well so they
think they had better not come
in the winter time Mr. Thoms
family will be at home
Mr. Jacksons and quite a number
of other families are planning to
all meet I do think it is a fine
thing whether we get presents or not
we can remember each other with
kind words and a bright smile

that will do us so much good
the year you are living through
now my dear don't work and
let so many nice things to come
hear with that it will make you
rich and tickle out but consist
in you are not just have a good
time that is what we want
we must go down to see Robbie's
father and go around and see all
we can ever have all hear we
can we will like the time in getting
acquainted with our old friends
I am sure we will have the most
loves very well and happy and have
some very long ones and that for
some days just and wonderfully
be it don't come home be it
right now, I am well and do hope
the ladies will find you and all the
same as well and happy it may be

No, please
 tell me
 what you
 and dear
 Mr. Edwin
 Miller of
 dear Father.
 Please kiss
 these two
 little letters
 for me I
 had I would
 know to do
 them they
 are badly
 little. I
 Dear Edwin
 his father
 makes me
 but in his
 foot yet he
 had been
 ever since
 him left
 him but he
 is better now
 but I am not

very
 dear
 your affectionate son
 Ed.

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 Mother writes to Jane every day so you
 know more than I can tell you as he tells her
 every thing. I hope you and mine have had a
 good time to gether. About this Jan. 1883.
 Mine has a French
 scholar so she is very busy all the time poor
 mine. I feel sorry for her I wish she had a
 good home of her own. Well good by please write
 thank her love and my love to mine and Mr. Edwin
 good wishes from Mother and I how can I thank
 all the other above. How can I thank
 you enough for the kindness you
 you have shown me in so many ways.
 I feel very now I have you as doing
 all you can for your dear Father
 and you have James and Eddie this
 doing for them to and you are doing
 for the boys and Grace and all of us
 all the time I do hope you will have
 good luck give your mother things for
 a reward for the good you are doing us.
 O how I wish I was just there you
 Father was at this time I he was so
 poorly when he left us Saturday night
 I feared and trembled I do hope being
 with you and the change will be fine.

good I do hope he will not be home
for a week or two and longer if he
is not needed here on business here
I cannot think he can live long if he
does not get relief in some way and that
doom what do you think of him now
is he with you and he laughs and talks
with you he cannot talk any thing but
here times he cannot laugh nor cry
and that is what we want him to do
Judge Johnson and Mrs and all the rest
say he must stay a way two weeks
longer if he can and if they want him
they will send for him I do hope he
will stay as long as you can what
said Mr Edison say about him and what
does he think we can do for him for now
you some money to get them well he has but
it is awful to think of his case. I do hope
your Father will not want to work to hard
let Eddie do what there is to be done I
am so sorry you could not come home

for I intended to do you so much but
I fear you would not be happy here as you
Father was he kept saying how thin Emma
she will see all this mess and awful things
he felt you ought not come I said well the
other winter you do come but I do not want to
say come for fear it would do for you
nothing for you Father I think it is better that
he went to you but I do hope you will come
very soon and let him at home if he cannot
get better and if he does I want both you
and Sarah Edison to come and make a
long visit. O I do hope you love Father a little
Dear Anna will you when you go over to
the city get you Father some more socks
like the ones he has with him have Eddie's
I want to ask Eddie
to get them it may be he can get I hope so
for I do not want you Father to come home yet
but I do hope this will fix you and leave
Mr Edison with you Father and the other well and
happy I am and a lot of love from all of us

I would love to hear from William Allen,
please except my love and every best wish
and please give the same to all the family
and if you see Mary and Joseph please give
them my best wishes tell them I am all
well but a little scared about the
small pox but hope I shall be long 1878
the winter is over now

I hope to hear from you some again
I will say good bye then I will see you
next time you will see you Thomas I
will please you I am sure you will
was delighted to receive your
lovely letter was glad to learn that
you were well and if you really
did have a good time in the
mitties I can assure you I was
glad to hear that for I did and
do not fear you was not as
contented as I wished you were
and as you would like to be I
am want you to feel perfectly
at home and contented and have
every thing you want for
10-5-78

I enjoyed having you with us and do hope you will come here next ^{fall}
summer for you Grandmother Parker Thomas is good but I will be sending this
it was as you said in your² just the very best way we can we
letter and you will come to see can play with when we are fifty or
me again and you will have a fifty years yet I am but I will
good time I wish you were here be very hard to study if we can at all
now the singing is just as good so we will study now and play now
as it can be it is done for a when we get old I do hope these times
week every day to day is the will find you and hear of you with
first day we have not written it and perfectly happy I have no doubt that
now it has been very pleasant but you and your Masters had a happy
very cold I had a letter from my meeting and you were glad to get
yesterday he said it was cold then at your looks, we have the printing
I fear though you do not have many you need all when you place them
slimy sides as you find it all they are very pretty and make quite
taken up with study but my dear fine picture gallery I am a going to keep
you can live in hopes and you them until you come again to you
know your school days without can see how you improve from time to
last always we very long time time, I am Thomas please excepting the clock
flies fast and we want to see for you very kind letters and please write us
soon again I love to hear from you

he is all round now he said he didn't
 have the time to come out to your home, but
 he was there I think when he comes home
 he will write you a long letter and tell you
 all about every thing. I am very sorry to
 hear which news from or about Thomas
 he does not know what he is doing. I
 am glad you had him go back to his
 work. I do think that is his best place
 for the present anyway. I had a letter
 all ready to start to him when your name
 I told him in that he could play in the
 and have a gay time when he was fifty
 or sixty years old, but it would be hard
 to study I am glad now I wrote to tell him
 you know Thomas wrote me a letter telling
 that a good time he had while he was
 hope to read and all the rest of you but
 I cannot help but feel as though it was
 not as pleasant as it ought to be but I will
 hope it was all right and will hope to have
 a better time again. My dear it is a
 snowing quite hard it is fine day.

I think you had better let
 Thomas and William come here
 not fear to go to school in the
 we will do all we can for them

Chas. Chas. Long 18/1873

My dear friends
 Dear China Jones

I am delighted to receive a letter from you
 this morning telling me of your sad
 news and I am sorry that is the
 kind of letters I love to get. I like
 to know just exactly how everything
 is with you and if I can do or say
 thing that will cheer or do any good in
 the least way it makes me feel glad
 I would love to do something but you
 know what I am better than I can
 tell you I am sorry you think and
 think I was there when you were
 10-507

2 Father has his Sunday school at 10⁰⁰ AM
I do feel ashamed of my self at home with us he is now in the living
I always look do dad and tried in Chicago a business we look for
it makes every one afraid of me him home in the morning they had
they think I am not well and something Bishop Vincent has our away home
is the matter now my dear I was about his visit at your place he said
not tired from being your dear he and all the rest enjoyed it so much
with us it was so one feel sorry to think he is with you for now he is not very well
the time was so short and we would you Father is as well as us at least
not have any time to visit with each he says he is but he is so very quiet
other at all if I took time that was all the time I have to wonder what the
the reason I do wish you could come trouble can be but what ask him he
with you two little folks and children always says nothing I feel as though
and Maria and make us a visit I am in the fault but I cannot
then they would not be so may tell what I have tried to do I think
and he so noisy we could all in hopes it will all come right from
with some the fire and have a a some time I cannot think he is well
good cheerful time I do wish all he had a fall in or off the platform
of you could come that way Sunday in the Sunday school room it has
do all of us good and now you make him a little time but he says

pleas kiss the two little fets malack &
love to all. Hope you have good time
slaying. Good by with love for -

Switzerland

Apr 21st 1873

Edison

My Dear Darling Sister

This is the fourth

letter I have tried to write since
our Sunday dinner. So if make any
mistake, I hope my dear friend will
pardon & excuse them all but to them
kins and my self have gone over to
church as sister Bennett talks on
love by all though they must go
over and learn what love was
and how to use it - I do hope they
will learn how to use it for how
few know how we have love all
around us and still we feel good
10-2-96

act as though there was no one. Something to showing feelings for you
love us nor for us to love us go, and you I do hope this letter will
with long faces and sad count find you and dear Mr. Edison and all
wives how wrong all because two little folks in perfect health also
we cannot know how or what love obtain is the good empty and self
is don't know when we are loved more you are alone with the dear little
nor how to love I hope they will, now does she sleep with the how as you
learn all of this there is one that is have them sleep and who helps to dress
bestowing love on us every breath then if I or Maria was there now we
but without realising it we let it might be of a little use I wish we
pass and think no more of it than we were there that is if you would like to
do to eat and sleep if we could have us or letter of us with you alone
only love in return and do some might be good help for you please
ling to show our feeling how good let us know. I had a letter from
it would be dear Maria Oh how I long my last evening he said Thomas was
would love to do something to prove going to the mines to work and study
my love for you and yours what at night is that so and does Mr. Edison
can I say fair fails to writing want him to do so I am sure if it is so
wishes and desires to day a day but Mr. Edison knows better than

any one else how he wanted his little
folks raised so it may be all right
I am glad William will stay do you
think Thomas would come hear and
go to school we will do all we can
for both of the boys I do think it is
best for him to go to school yet
I do wish they could see it so they may
but I fear it will be so late that we will
hope for the best. Well this is turning
morn and I have to drop now if you
would only hear what a very true one
would have it is a splendid saying.
I do hope this will find all perfectly
well and happy. my dear we are living
we fear all the time on account of
the small pox it is rather hard quite
a number of cases in Abome but not here
in hope it will soon be over. We all
send love and best wishes and hope all
is well with all of you please tell me all that
is right for me to know.

I am ever your loving Mother. Please a gift
Kiss our love best to the two Williams and tell
them we love them very much
I am very glad you have such
pleasant times with dear Aunt Emily
she is a very nice and good woman
I wish you could have such company
often for all the time it is a great
help to have good company around
and they cheer and teach us a great
deal that is good for us, please my
dear the only way we can do is to
wait and hope for the better and
read all the pictures we can get
to live any way happily.
Well my dear I will close hoping
this will find you and all well and
happy love hope dear Mr. Garrison
the three dear little ones are free of
this colds and all are well and happy
please give my love and say hello to both
to dear Mr. Garrison and I will be glad you
to hear all the news and I will be glad you
to hear all the news and I will be glad you
to hear all the news and I will be glad you

My darling sister I am thinking of you day and night and praying for you. Hoping that all will be well with you. My heart seems full and I cannot help but long to go to help you in your left state to be with you and cheer you. Is there nothing dear that I can do for you to help you in any way no matter how small. Perhaps I could go with Thomas to the mine and help him a little but if there is any thing I can do do not hesitate to ask me I will do it if it is a possible thing. Eat and be merry, Dear Mina keep well. Aunt Emily wrote a lovely letter to Jennie about you she is very proud of you. Hows Jennie well and how the little then you will hear how our natural friends of you. Well my dear sister I felt that I must tell you this I have thought of you all the afternoon - With all the love and admiration your loving sister Mary. Mary Ann.

not go to school, I hope not, but he will
have him go to St Paul to sell goods
by, with love over a our again
a fine hidden a little to you all
The Dear ones I should like to say 21/1/93
by our best well and happy
L.

I am ever your loving
 Mother

I was looking for a
 letter from you this morning but ah
 to my day I cannot get one I wish
 sickness, nor any other trouble had
 kept you from writing but I will
 look this evening yet for a letter I am
 living in hope this afternoon mail
 will bring me a lovely and cheering
 letter I too hope you and all are per-
 fectly well and happy every thing is moving
 as long as you would like. Oh how I
 wish we had a telegraph running from
 home so we could talk with each
 other just when we pleased I wonder

when that time will come I wish it would go to or to do so and I am sure have been
very and come down, you talk with all the men, making plans how and
Mr. Edman about it and see if he can so that they can not see it and
not make it come around very soon. any thing as yet for the sake of going
those dear Mr. Edman is very well of his to Clara this week. He wants to go
also also the two little girls and young the George to see some farm that she has
well and have a good move, guilt. wants him to go. I hope he will go as he
and all you help is in good order. think it will be a good deal of things and
and you are perfectly happy with my thought. I was there when you was hear
thing. him and Mr. Edman are going now. those you feel and think different
own to this old place for ten years. now for I was not there then and
is there now she went to call on Mrs. now I just wish you were all here
Phelps as she arrived home last. now and I could kiss all of you and
Thurs day from Capt. she looks very. see her little Maile and Charles play
well and happy and says she has a. and hear them laugh and see her little
lovely twins while over there. Charles got covered with perspiration
wishes she could go over there this. get little left. how glad I would be to
visit she feels rather lonely, hear. see him this way. I hope home is in a
at home she says there is nothing to. now and his father want him to work home

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[illegible][illegible]

just now I have had it so much as to come home a little while long
it has not been used before and I want to keep it for a little while and
do hope the worst of the winter will be over and I will let me know if you
and all will be as well as what was done for me with the new house and
the business and about the time it is the best time for me to be out and
any way as I do think it is the best time to have a good time I have found
to have it so I think it is to be a good time and I am sure as I can but if
Powers will I shall try to get it is the best time now and they would like
to have it so that it may be all for it better now than in the cold winter
the best it may make for the more I think they can come and I want you
Cory and I will be glad if it is not further to bring you home with him
make all of our money and I will do hope he can one day and I will
find all right I have left me how to go to the Lake with him and go to the
Baker place about every thing I have with you this time I hope she
the money line I do hope it will all well and we all will have a good time
with you I hope I shall be glad to get you together I do hope best times will be
with I could do you and all of you one and all well and happy and I am
it seems like I am in a good time in every way I have
met with you at the Lake early one and for a time and I am sure
and go from there to the Harbor all about with Billy and he hopes a
few and when will you be home calling for don't come all the time

[illegible][illegible]

I am ever your true and loving Father. All your little misdeeds and
best wishes, times are hard but I live in hope. Mr. Sunday is with him,
and makes lot of thanks, I want to but at day he was at Sunday school and
give you for being such good school boys. I said most of the work
care of my dear Thelma and you will be enjoyed to learn what
Father I had a glass when he was small we do around the church, when
home he took many pains to work and good. Father's letter, I heard of
couldn't it, I was come for the young what other Father's letter, I heard of
younger I felt as though I could hug him. I felt as though I could hug him.
his letter is your all. To rest of the day, I wish to see you as soon as I can.
I was afraid he would come home as soon as you and I do. I hope
feeling sick and tired out. But I will not move near until I feel as
as glad to tell you your Father is well. When you ever best hear I may
mean saying to feel comforted. So far many times I have thought of how well
a very pleasant time to say as it is here and I want to see you again.
I will send you a letter every thing you want. I hope you will send that I may
off very fine. He said last night when I was again, I hope to see you. He said
Father him if you can be satisfied. I quite don't about. I don't like to see
children and say they are so nice in everything. He says
said no he felt he never could be proud of them and so we all are and we
couldn't think what he would like to do want to see them so much. I am

July -

I am ever your loving friend. I think
Mamma will write when she gets
home we are all well. V. V. Farrell but today
and Theodore. V. V. Farrell.
Henry had a flat track. Charlotte July 7, 1883.
on the Young man's face and a
woman of Charles. He is not getting
well settled but his heel is quite sore yet.
This is a very bright morning and
beginning to be a busy day. I am sure you
do not mind all this and do much.
We are wondering how you are enlarged
and how you would love to see them.
I will tell you how they are and how
they rested last night. Father said
she said they slept good. Mamma took
your place in bed with her little
Mabeline and now she has taken
her up to her painting lesson she
seems very contented. This morning
but it was very hard for her to keep
the cry back when you left her.
I told her little of all this but then

Dear affectionate and best wishes from me and all we are going in love
and married wishes, have ever your loving Mother (soon to be a sister)
teeth tight and then then cry all dear and forget the little ^{one} who
went back she said she would do all other cares and have a good ^{time}
I think she did for it was very hard not and a good time now go down
for her to keep any back I am fifty a little chance. I do hope these lines
her but I think now she will be all will find you and all the rest well
not I think she will miss you all the way happy and getting as she would
time but she will try and be contented, take a day and rest before going
little Charles is nothing a fault to be the fair if not you will not get
a little boy and he will be it back rather at all and that is what all
as they are playing very well and need before enjoying the fair
think he feels contented and happy in any thing else I do hope you dear
I think and I am sure both will there should not be any trouble in any
dear Mother for there is no one like thing she expects to see, I am sure little
Mother but we will try and do Charles what I should tell you he
the best we can for them and I am sure all the same why she want let
the time will soon pass when they are come to her. Well my dear I want
will be well and have a good to go to the question for and as it is
time I do hope you are well and near time I will stop, hoping this
writing to rest a little try my self find you and all well and happy.

No. Please ask him to write
 and tell me in what way they
 have with the house in a way of house
 keeping. That's each other for me
 Gracey is not and I don't know
 a good thing while there & he
 is very much pleased with everything
 done by

4

Please expect my love and very best wishes
 and give the same to dear Mr. & Mrs. Newman
 and to her little girl. I hope I will hear from
 much to it. Love M. W. Newman 7/1883
 I have her little book about the Christ's death
 will send it with the book and packet
 I will be glad to help the will find out and
 and help him in your writing, nothing
 I am very glad that you cannot be alone
 stop with a city near China and
 little while, possibly, I am so glad
 you have chosen to write to
 day and what is better than
 that you have your two little
 children and you have even
 long and pleasant combined
 I am sure when you have the
 little folks out to the fair
 they have many very many very
 interesting questions to ask
 and it helps all of you to help
 to answer them I hope they do
 as well as when they left and

they are enjoying being at the little white I would like to stay
 till I think and it is a good but not very long for them I would
 place for them that is as far as for as though something was the matter
 health is concerned but that is the worst home but being four or
 days it is not much the case waiting for us as the train was a little
 they may be just as well there but all around and some of the others
 it is very warm here I must for St Louis to move to otherwise standing
 think I would bring home with the school convention I hope it will
 little for this while it is so warm the cooler soon when it will make
 I do hope you and the children are sick it is so warm the hot & the young
 enjoying every moment of the time back in us this morning it seems
 I hope the weather is getting more & the pushing to be in the church this
 rest and a little sleep seeing them moving after being out here so long
 he did a few days ago & I am glad I like the place for teaching at the
 things & and let the children like I do I like the way very but
 a good rest at home now it the boys wanted to be at home little
 would do him good to be a long while with it we had to come here
 for a little while at a time I Thomas seems quite well and cheerful
 other for if I could be at home he will go with the boys to the

you had better head for very little come
over under one eye yet it is all to get a
little bit of rest. I will be with you
that my dear, I hope you are well. W.B.
you find every day. I had to go to
the hospital and stay for half a year. I
was home at the hospital. I will be with you
do. I will be with you well. I will be with you
try to be with you. I will be with you
also. That is the matter
that I cannot hear from you and not
a word here. I had to go to
and home are you working so
hard that you are so tired and
cannot visit and my dear let
me just give you a little away
little advice. I cannot work so hard
and cannot let any of your girls
go. you need all and must have
them take care of yourself and
Thomas and the children. That

please write me every best wishes and kisses for every young Mother
is good work and duty what and all are I hope these lines
will find gain in working and will find all well and happy
get tired out so as to be no more than a little darling as they
are no comfort to Thomas but well and glad they are at home
work go and make good though I have been quite busy ever since
happy with bright smiles and kind words here at home I am sure
would that it were more than with the boys while they were getting
all the money and can save ready to go there and to college if
for ten times over please excuse bested Susan and after they left Grace
me if I have said too much had to get over the winter last
but that is the way I feel no thing so now I am all alone and
loving husband like all was but I am better than now coming
wonder to come home and find a little how it is about the home
his life all the way out and now would I be any thing but
as an old lady that is not what I want any yet and I thought if
what I want a little more and I am sure I would like to
I want a little more and I am sure I would like to
I want to be a good mother for a change as you think and would
like to be a good mother for a change as you think and would

Didn't you Father answer you
 I believe that you sent James it
 makes him cry to think you thought
 it so much of him as to telegraph
 it makes him cry to get a letter from
 Every one the long so we cannot let
 him see your letter but told him what
 you said he thinks a great deal
 of his Mother and Sister. he had
 been highly favored since he had
 been ill he had rode from
 this or three different ones sent them
 and Mary Ramona gave him a flat
 and bowl for cups of any kind and a
 glass for water from the Governor
 don't you think that looks like he
 has friends? James and all others
 are very much interested with their
 house it looks them with busy they are
 both well all your aunt and our love
 and best wishes to you and the
 family, I am, Love

Please give dear Mr. Edison my love and
 very best wishes and tell him to keep up
 your courage ~~My dear Mr. Edison~~ I
 best wishes to all. (Am. Ch. Co. 1983)
 and write whenever you can get time &
 am glad you had the love go to church
 with your very enjoyable I think the
 Church a pretty good place
 well good bye My darling Maria and Helen
 love and kisses to little Philip James is
 getting him away from being ill
 sitting with James I will try and
 write a few lines to you I received
 your lovely letter this morning
 and I am so glad you are as
 well as you are but I am very sorry
 to learn about Thomas and
 William illness I do wish they
 could be well and strong bright
 they could attend school and learn
 fast I do hope both are able to be
 in school and my what a narrow
 escape dear William did make he must
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broken his leg or something. I'd love but I fear they don't think
how good it was not worse and then you and do for you what they say
you had for Theresa to work with I want to thank you again for them
it is to love you have so much and I do hope I can do a little some
time with the boys I do hope dear thing for you some time I am glad
Lorrey and Theodore will be good I can tell you Linn is better but not
so ad to help in a little more so as to sit up yet it is his kidneys
the care and kindness you have and the doctors say it will be a long
hard for them I don't know of any later time before he will be well some time
way for them to pay you there to be when we see you we can tell you more but
good boys and make smart useful handy hard boys to write we are all
men that is my wish not only for well and would be out every day if
myself but for you and there dear Linn was well I am so glad you
father for he seems to be so anxious thus little folks are so well and sweet
and are doing so much for him I do hope think they never was ^{so} ^{well} ^{as} ^{the} ^{are}
often wonder if they do realize how little father I do hope dear Mr. Edison
anxious you are and how much you hope well and the times are not wearing
as for them they tell about what you him out he must not worry and make
do and what you give them that is himself sick times will be better some
times

My dear Sister - you say we have
not written you once - this week
you will get your fill for you
will have one from Josephine, Mattie
and myself. I have been over at
Helen Stone's all day or since
three o'clock. I had a pleasant time
to meet up stairs she has your
picture framed and Pringle's right
near it is not yet framed. I mean
I have a snapshot album a terrible
party on hand. Mr. Byron Robinson's
wife is introduced by his Mother
and Sister. I suppose will be very
nice. Then Mary Come has the Day
Quarry Girls there to sew - It is too
bad they come the same afternoon
as at a thinkable party if we want to
spend all the afternoon. Papa is
going to visit to the boys so I will
give him this place. With much
love your loving sis -
Mary -

And me & Mattie. So I will stop
for this time - hoping you will accept
my love and my W. W. Wheelwright, 1883
pleas bid each other I have written 22
and dear little letter & am ever your loving
sister

My Darling Josephine & Helen

I just received
a lovely letter and I feel as
though I must sit right down and
try to write a few lines to you my
Dear I am very sorry if I cannot
tell you how very much I enjoy and
all of us are enjoying the flowers and
do thank you for reminding Louis he has
had a very tedious time but I am so
glad to tell you he can be down
stairs and Cango up and down as long
it does seem so good you dear Sister
is better and would be very well if
11-06-1883

times were all night he is wearing those ~~grate~~ ^{grate} mistakes if there ever ~~was~~ any
 clothes that dear old Edison wanted ^{one that has made others enjoy life}
 him to and he thinks he feels better it is my dear old man near Litchfield
 for wearing them dear old Edison thought I might linger in your mind
 I am so very glad he hopes some moment it is the level one that
 and happy place giving him my love and just such thoughts in a mind
 very best wishes I would love to do it does not so you any good more than
 much to see him but I want him around and this fear I must get a
 to come when he can feel easy and new one, My dear I feel as you do
 stay a long time until I also want about meeting all my dear ones it
 to see you and those two little seems as though I must do them
 darlings also to others but I do and all dear at Oak Place my
 feel and think as you do about having dear and need never think there
 a season as you think this is not reason enough dear in his
 time would be so long with out his home plenty and to spare I do hope
 dear ones around him I never want we can all meet soon again in
 to hear my dear say she was not some way I want all to come and have
 made to make any one happy onto a good time, My dear I will write soon
 be loved by any one for that is a gain I have just wrote to John

it does seem strange, that some folks
will be so contrary it is unchristian in her and
her husband I do feel so heavy for my dear Father,
I expect before this reaches you and you will
be with James and Thomas and they will tell all and
more than I can write, 11. N. Y. Dec 10 1851

more than I can write, I hope this by 12/18/84.
I do wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year and dear Howard also and those many dear
little kids they must have a good time and go
over to see his dear fairing friends Howard,
his then for me I do love them. I received a lovely

hies than for me I do love them I received a lovely
letter from you this afternoon and was
glad to read it but sorry to learn that
you have not received a letter from me
and you thought we had decided you
we never will I see that and I think I
sent you a letter thanking you for
your very kind remembrance of me
on my birth day I received a letter from
you Theodore and Aunt Lucy allow
my birth day I felt very proud to
think so many remembered me so kindly
and on my birth day it seemed strange
one will remember a thing such times I feel
a shame of my self I cannot remember
my day nor any one else dear Mother
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was last Monday and I never thought
of it until late in the evening Sunday
so he did not get a letter until after
the time he wrote me such a good one
now I did feel ashamed now if I have
not thanked you yet I will now I do
thank you and the others for remembering
me in any way I cannot feel worthy of
your attention in the least I do thank
you and dear Thomas for your kindness
to me in so many many ways and so often
I am very sorry we cannot all be together
Christmas but it is as dear Thomas says
it is a great deal of trouble and hard work
for so little and so short a time I do
hope he will soon get his work all right
but it is very hard to find any thing for a dollar
and all of you will be here to spend
two or three months and it will be warm
and pleasant weather to I am sorry Thomas
and William think they cannot come for
would like to have them come and so
and now if Mr. Tharless does not come

about you think they can come what will
they do is there any place for them to go to
visit I think it would be their good to come
hear and we will be glad to have them and
I can take care of all if they will come I
hardly think Mr. Tharless will come and what
if he does we will take care of Thomas
and William if the boys cannot but I think
they will help you as much as what I wanted
for Christmas now my dear I wish you
would tell me what to do for that time
as for my self I hope one will give me
any thing as I cannot give any thing where
I rather have a dollar Christmas
just give a dollar wait in some way
I don't know what James and James will do
I think James is a going to get something but
James said he was not so I cannot tell
what we can do, this this ring you dear
Father is feeling pretty bad as he did not have
good luck in London to say the least I am
not doing it makes me feel very sad.

Aboucho Inu, 1893

My dear Anna and Thomas are you all
and Thomas and William. I do wish all
a happy New Year you will be on the
other side by now may be. I have
dinner with us but all of those being
with me made no mind you all the
more dear Robbies were not with me
neither we missed them all. Now I am
the last in the list of names
but I am not the least in wishing
all of you a happy New Year and do
hope all of you are well and doing
well. Just now as I am out in the
sitting room writing these lines I have
with me James Eddie's Louis Oliver and Grace
and Bobby and Charles are in the back
playing "Bean Patoque" but are other
things that cause a good deal of noise
and laughter. My Cousin and I have
have left for this house also I have
Cora James and Edward and I go down all
the time then we will be along as well for
a few days more than we will have.

give up every thing and forsake them it will be
loud enough I can tell you but we will
try and be as entitled as we can be in help-
ing I am coming more & more of the
other and saying the least so I will again
wish you and all your dear ones a happy
Christmas and good luck to those of you
who are at home and good
wishes.

3
We miss the delicious
Farming. The turkey looked
wonderful after all that tatter
apart. As for the whom the
remaining parts I had come
off should go. Through of
this turkey was left to each
of you had a good bird -

Mr Bert West came on just
as dinner was finished and is
still here. The college children
him just gone through with
institutional performances. The
ladies would split with laughter
were to be just half way
go through with.

This has been a beautiful
clear day. Happy New
Year to all. Love

P.S. I received some of your kind
of letters by winning a lot. I and
some other wished that the night
was longer of the day. I hope you
to be from Chicago. I hope you
was married. The people want
it.

4
The College Pyramid
the funny B
a Traveling Pyramid

A boxing match

Mum



Sever

Leap Frog



5
Happy New Year
1895

Gallie Willy

Lots of fun, good dinner
and Happy New Year
Edna H. Miller-

We are all in the parlor sitting
about the fire having a good time
Pickens, John & Theodore have gone
to station to see Eddie Brown and
Mamma Goodrich about
Happy New Year

Edna

I never was known to say any thing brighter
as well as my best wish to you
all a Happy New Year. I will write you
a letter later with love & joy.

Ed

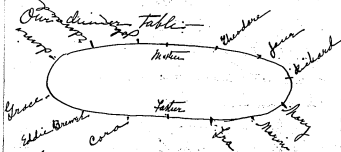
Remember me to Charles

With your best wishes
it hangs only all small talk for me

15-8/20

to find any thing brighter you will hear
from me soon in a long letter to
you. I have been so busy entertaining
the boys and Grace that I have had
no time to write Mary & Minnie.

I agree with all the
above - Richard P. Marvin



I repeat to you the message passed
around - Richard tell James
to tell Wendell to tell nothing
to tell John, to tell Edward, to
tell Minnie, to tell Grace to tell
Eddie, to tell Coras, to tell Father
to tell Edna to tell Mavour to tell
Mary to say something funny -

This was the most interesting
subject of the dinner table
and we are all very sorry
that you were not able to receive
the message in person, too -
With a heart full of love -
+ wishes for a happy new year
+ many of them - Grace.
12.13. They said I had to write
a great deal because I wrote
so seldom.

It is rather dark but more
mild - I wish you all a
happy new year. We have
had a fine vacation and
hope you have had a
good week. Eddie & Anne
& David Dade got off in
good shape. Love to
all - John Miller.

Eddie Bremer wishes
to be remembered to
all and wished all
a happy New Year.

A happy New Year to you
all. I thank you very much
for your Xmas present.
With love. Louis Amiller.

The usual Annual bounding has
just taken place and they all
submitted to the torture with
but little resistance. Dick as
usual was the hardest to manage
and is as fat as ever. The fellows
have gone and it seems as though
we had lost a member of the
family forever. I am going to
write you very soon to thank you
for that elegant present so welcome
me now. With love to all I remain
Your loving "brother"
Willard

your Father I think more that I am well on the crew as to go to England I think
lean claims will have a little rest and that will be fine I expect they have talked
can take better care of herself Richard all this over with good care lean Gray and
is better at his office to day the rest of ladies lean Thomas has no time to write to
us are well and I do hope these lines will talk lean often I do hope he may soon
will find lean little Charles better and be able to stay and rest a little I am so glad
all the rest well and happy please him lean he is proud of his two little / oh I do hope he
little Charles and Madeline for my little may always be from and glad he has two
darlings I am so glad they will soon be such fine little ones, My dear I think you
over that little trouble I am sure you will for talking with the doctor about Gray now
he glad when they have had all of those I do hope you will talk to him about yourself
things especially if they get them all right, as they and keep well for what would we do
oh dear I do think you will soon get without our advice especially these two dear little
dear little with you Brothers Henry and Henry ones do try and be well I do hope all will
say they never had such a smooth as all they can to keep good health, I wonder
time at China as they did this time at when Edwin will be home it seemed to me he
your place the girls and leave was has been gone long enough dear Gray I
perfectly smooth they think they are having women love to get a letter from her but I
the very best of times every one is so very upset I will have to wait until she has finished
him and good to them they think every thing is her her visiting ^{will} but please tell her if she can
simply smooth, dear boy I do hope they find a little spare time I would love to get
may be successful and may make good and a letter from her, ^{will} please and all the great is
smart men I do hope Theodore can get Thorne will it may be they will be to see you

I am sorry there are so many bad spots on this
plate ~~as~~ than this time and please do all the best

7/11

I do think both would gain health and happiness
if they would stop out mouth and just take care
of themselves that is happiness why not here
if I do hope both will be careful and try to
get well and strong soon. Amn this Feb 28/1899

I want to write to dear Gracey soon and she
will not be a burden to me I have to wonder
if it is good for her. My dear Emma and Howard
and dear little Charles to dear Olivia I am very
be in the snow-head while she has a very good
sorry you had to get a doctoring for I
am sure you never intend to do any
thing wrong now if you will tell me who
did such a wrongful thing I will talk
to them and I am most sure they never
will hurt your feelings again. It doesn't
seem to me there is any one in your
lovely home would ever think of making
any one feel bad we will try and let the
scare head now and look on the bright
side. I hope these few lines may find
all of my dear ones as well as I am
now at present Maria and myself are in
the Parlor she is counting up her accounts
and I am trying to write as good as I
feeling very well, your dear Father had
this very hard cold but had not given

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at home last evening from fears making Mrs I sympathize with both of you but we
but this morning early and started should not grieve as when one gets old as
to Cleveland he says he is all right Father Edison life is lonely and often they
he is very hoarse and cough a good deal feel ready to go and be at rest I hope
but he did seem a little better this morning it is well with Father Edison now he is well
we will try and do the best we can for him dear ones on the other shore,
for we cannot give him up It was soon I received your lovely letter this morning
strong when you think how many men are was so very glad to learn that dear little
leaving us every day and some not with Charles was doing so well I hope by the
to leave a natural way but alas some time this reaches you he and dear little
valent means Oh how sad for those Charles will be quite well strong and
that do so and for their dear friends they happy as lay beds now they are over
leaves to struggle along alone I expect one more Charles troubles and they are
you have heard or heard all about dear that much nearer than a woman I
Father Edison also Oh Monday and a number hope both will grow to be strong and
of this Mr Charter took his own life health and will always be a great comfort
how sad but cannot take up a paper but to their dear Father and Mother bless him both
you read of such dreadful cases for me I do thank you so much for having
I'll write and tell us all about Father the doctor look over dear Gracie's case
Edison did Thomas come to the funeral also your own for both need care and attention
and wonder did they have it was he sick and now I do hope both will be women enough
long who was he with we only had one to do their duty and do what they are told

Mamie, Sammie and Mr. & Mrs. and Richard
have gone to Barbarton for supper this
evening Minnie wanted us all to go but she
did not tell her father this morning so we went to
Barborton and have not come home yet now. I
want to go with you but Ednie says cards wait
till they finish them what Ednie is a drag.
I think I see you Father coming so I will stop and
hear what he has to say about Barbampton.
Well you Father wants me to tell you he has to
be at Barbampton this day the first of June
he says to father all our boys are well and
Robbie has another time with the blues
and come out a head again I am so glad
he comes out the best way times I do
hope things will be settled soon and Robbie
will be the better man at the last.
Well I want to thank you once more for
the pillow and you began everyone else
things and then closed for the present hoping
your house is clean as a new shirt and
you can rest me easy it with you dear
family please to love kisses and thank
you for a long letter this afternoon for
me.

in the paper about his going London I do think
he has enough to do all ready to ought to stop a little
and try to rest for a while I am afraid he will not
himself to do it please tell him to wait for a little
time any way so you can get
acquainted with each other again. Mr. & Mrs. May 15, 1898.
Father I do hope you are about through with your
house cleaning I am so glad you and Sammie
to clean our bedrooms and I do hope these
lines will find you all and all your dear
ones well and happy I do hope dear Thomas
has his work in such a shape he can
be with you more than he has been of late.
I will be so very glad when he can be
at home with you every day at least to his
meals and his evening I do think it is so
lonely when our dear husband is
away so much. I told you Father this morning
this would be a lovely dinner if he can go
to Group after coming from sleep but
I would like in hopes of the Group seeing
him so much good it would pay us all
and move to, how my dear Sammie please
you an apology I am very sorry but I have
never thanked you for that beautiful pillow
you sent me with Mamie it is so very nice

and weeping we use it most all the time and she took and wanted me to tell you she was
Totten days if just said his dear I do thank you for every thing and she thanked you for
you very much for it my dear you have and remembering that so kindly every thing was so
and are coming so much for for me I hardly useful she will write also do not mean to say
ought to write any thing else but thanks for anything more about the boys I think Robt and
hope my dear you will always feel and know Carrie feel pretty bad for children they
I do thank you for every thing whether I mean to have a hard time I do wish they would
them or not I also like the Island cloth that leave Boston Maine and Maine is to lead for
Maine brought home within it looks very pretty any way I cannot see how Robert does stand
on the table and it is also what we ought to do if they are so insulting but both try to keep
have my pleas except my my thanks for the up the best they can they are all well had
fallow and every other good things you have are little folks have the measles now but not
for me and my dear ones that or those boys very sick with them the rest are well and we are
you sent me every thing in them so nice and all well and you know you Totten was a going
useful I want word for Carrie to come up to James next week and when he comes back he
and tells what she wanted well I thought she there he goes to Group do he will be gone most
would like all but the dress was a little of the dinner I do wish you would come and
to shoot and now way to let them down so she stay with us while he is a way for it will be
thought she could not ride there and there she London I can tell you and you think them
over coats she had a mind to take them and will come for a little while any way for
but we all thought it would be a good deal wish he would is it do he is a going to
of a want to cut them up for little Robert that Barbara and a cold time my dear what
she reluctantly left them but any thing else will you do if he said we need a long piece

Well my dear I will close as it is so very
warm I can hardly write or think of any
thing pleaser except my very best wishes and
my kisses for I am About this time 2/8/95
your ever loving Mother, Goodby,

My dear Maria and Thomas

I wonder if it is
warm where you are I can tell you
we do not need a fire in our grate
to keep us warm to day we can sit
any place we want to in the house
and be plenty warm. It felt so
lonely to day we had Lina and Lora
with little Margaret in for dinner
little Elizabeth did not come as she
is just getting well of the measles
and her Grandma. While thought
she would keep her away let her
rest how I often and often wish
I could have you dear little
ones so you might rest when
you go some place or at home
but I am so glad you have good
girls that can take better care of

than I can but I would like to have shops before leaving it and I think it
then hear any way I do hope they is working around better but not as
as well as both of you and all with good as he and the rest of us would like
you are well and happy O as well I do hope dear Thomas is getting along
and we hear now why not come well with his work and every thing will
it is as much nicer now than in be as he wishes me both of you can
write or even later but if you have a good long rest then man he
Thomas will come down soon must be very tired but if he decided he
I will wait until you can come will be well find one can live the rest
and stay a long time comfortably if his life on earth if he will, I do hope
we think it is fine hear now but these two little girls are well and happy and
we feel lonely and your dear Father are growing as fast as they can this warm
and Radio best area way just water all the children are having the head
and I am and myself I have old around hear every house has a case
but quite busy with cleaning or two yes more sometimes but all are
bed room this last week Father doing well the lightening is the worst but
to do it while your Father was a there is very little of that hear I pity
my dear man he is in a warm a poor child or any one that has to be sick
part of the country just now but much weather as this Will you go and
he promised he would be careful as dear Grace I do hope so I do want
and I do hope he will I think you means to go It may be she will also have
dear Father is willing to live do but not one each left for their last
he can try to get things in better thus my debt do he may be with Grace
to end!

order suffer waiting for us. The respect
Bishop Vincent to take dinner with us to
morning noon on his way to Canton. He
left the Lake Wednesday morning they were
well. I hope it was good. I hope it is
that both good and both left when you did
as they was two. My dear Ann and Thomas
more cases of dear love. How say I
near us.
I would be if I could see both of you
with you two little folks his hope
both are well and happy and both
can be with each other. He is a
little. His moving from you is a
lot more. I hope was as very glad
to learn such good news from all
you. And as if we all felt as they
we had to a good dinner and if
love you as much if possible more
than ever I can say I had a sweet
time and as for loving you I
don't know how I could love you
any better than I have always. I am
of love you more than I did and
have ever since you was placed
at my breast to let you take a little

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I do hope dear William will have a good winter at school will Thomas & I are both
well and happy please give my best wishes to Anne if you write to her. Good by
of something that would enlarge it and thank you very best wish I am ever your
help you to grow it dearest then I loving Mother I do think we had a lovely
had a lovely don't to watch and dinner every thing went on so smooth
try in my weak wandering way and pleasantly all around how said wish
to say I loved then and have ever you had a time another day or two
since I am not sure if I could as it was so pleasant after all had left
love more now then I did at that but I hope it will be more pleasant next
time but they day have grown I dinner because of Thomas and your
believe it does in some cases but Father's company I do hope both can do with
with a Mother and a dear sweet little us and we can all have a lovely time
daughter that lived to gether all there to gether I am so glad you meet your
life it seems that love was a dear one at home it was so kind in him
long and more than long could ever to stay all day from his work I do hope
afford at first and lasting as time I he was well paid and now both can
love you now and always what I work and feel all the better for the rest
do thank you so much for what you you had I do hope dear Thomas is well
did to make the dinner full of pleasure and every thing in good order and be
they it had been a dinner I shall had a little time to rest and he will
always remember on account of what you and dear little Maudlin and Charles
you and all did to make it pleasant dear little me how I would love to do
for me I feel unworthy of what you then to say, I am all alone just now as
and for me I never can pay you but I am so glad you have gone out to see if they can
I do hope you will please except my find a girl we found every thing good

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Yell the Sued have one but se
 from left are a King of the
 world to go to the Kingdom of the
 million enjoy if any much do
 from well & is ready to find any
 greatly different with a long
 one for long with a great
 and

I got her room letter and know she has
the room that same pale claims has the
back a small room for her bed room and
the two have the old ^{house} for a story
room they want to. Thought Oct 2 1879
fit that my pretty but times are a little harder
they will try and ^{the} send him and Thomas
with what they have ^{to} counted I was very glad
to receive such a good letter from
you the the day I am glad you can
be with your dear third husband
for I know he will love to have
you with him for man be must
be three most to death if it were
not for hopes and believing I think
he would give up but his ambi-
tion is to strong for him to do it
but it will be all right in due time
there never was a house no not
a man made in a day it take time
and hard work to do great things
let us do all we can to help Cif
I could only do one little thing I
would be glad you hope that few
lines will find both of my dear

and well and happy, please him
each other and the two little girls for
me, I am so glad they keep so well
and happy, it will do them good to be
there, I am sure and you self also.
we are having fine weather and it looks
now as though we were going to
have a pleasant day to morrow.
I know this is a grate with hearthies
Ruth, Elizabeth and all. I hope so to
be Maria also, it is our fair week
do you see we would like to have
pleasant weather if we could. Oh
wonder to tell you in my other letter
that Mary Goodrich is in Orange
and she would be very glad to
see you. I do hope you will meet her.
I do think she is a very pleasant lady
we like her very much. I am very
glad dear Thomas arrived safe.
I do hope he will have a pleasant
time. I am glad he can go for
it will do him so much good
and will please Annan dear. While
it did seem to bad to think of her
getting Maria and sister Fatha and
Mother there, it is good that he leave
Brother, could he with be I do hope she
will have a happy life and every
thing will be well with them.
They are all well. I had a letter from
Robbie the other day he says Louise
has the mumps on both sides of
her face or neck the rest are well
you know Conference had just
closed there Robbie thinks Louise took
the mumps from some of the ministers.
That do you think we have a doctor
Penmet sent to us again give a mind
to feel very bad about it. Chaimson and Gracey
started out for a walk about half past
two. Oclokama have not come home yet
and it is half past five different most
ready. I am afraid they will be so tired
to eat when they do come. Gracey has been
just as busy as she could be trying

I will now say good by try and keep well
and happy I am ever your loving Mother
his look off for me and those two little
fellows I am ever loving Mother,

(over)

Just this mornig I was taken that hat for her self
she has it fixed a little and wore it to church this
mornig all like my dress very much and very fine
also! Well she does not want to come to
I will have to stay for a few days more when
so many are around. (do) I had the school 24/88
will write soon again I hope I will try my
may think being very fast there with you
and everything. My dear Anna and Thomas
God and for me cannot express I would be very
glad if I could write ^{not feeling} you to listen
that was worth your while to read
the other day I sit down and wrote
a few lines just because I was all
alone and it was so dark and late
to do any thing much. my dear it is
so dark and gloomy here all the time
it makes me feel bones sick and
wish I was with you I told our folks
this mornig I believe if we would
live up I live as good as it might
seem a little brighter it is so low and
all in a bunch I have to wonder all
the time what we can do to make it
seem better. I fear I complain to much
what would I do if I cannot have this
home I must stop and try to look

on the bright side it will soon be Well I expect you have your Portia Lou
summer the sun and green grass with you to day have you said anything
will be hear then all is right I will tell him about Mr. Hallary if so I will not
try and be contented but I must say mention it to him please let me know
and I do want you to believe me I am and then all will be well at least I hope so
have a grand good time while with it I were all at Church and Sunday school
you all day I look as well and this like the Minister very much. Anything
I had good care while a way I so thank ed ad mnd. I am is a going to have
you and all with you for the generation all of us at this house for I had going
I had and I as hope these lives will cover to you many think of all the
find you hear Mr. Edison with those I amely being there eating Turkey while
two little fells well and happy but to say and I mean are enjoying the house
I fear you are not as well as you ought at you lovely Table I do hope you may
to be I do hope you will take care of be well and enjoy the day and time with each
you self if you are not better this other to the very highest point I do mean
time you will see soon. I have with Gray go to South Penn after all so I will
and let him give you something that be alone with Hoffman's father but that
will help you for it is wrong to let will make the time pass faster than
such a thing pass without care do be to have every thing all fixed so I will not have
care of you self and keep well and much of any thing to do while they are
stronger if you do every thing else all a way the girls have come well in hoping
be right that is Happiness. I hope I think we can spend a good word in
that way for them

I was with you everything was all right and
I do thank you & very much for the good
time I had with you. There is still about my
wings and the Lordy you owe me due to
about I don't want to pay John Chichey 1897
no bill yet please let me know what they
are if you have the city loan office and I know
Will my heart full close I was very glad
to receive such a good letter from
you this mornig I was glad in this
way that you and all were well and
seeming to be having pretty good times
but sorry to learn that you felt
lonely and that that handsome and
smart little dog was run over
by the car it makes me feel sad
to I did think he was a pretty and
smart dog I know William felt bad.
I am glad my dear that you think
you are better O if I was only sure
I want you to do all you can to keep
well and if there is any thing wrong the
best and surest way to get well and
strong is to take somethin and what
the Eoster eggs is best for good bye

kisses and love and very best of wishes from an ever loving Mother which I could say
you this morning, happy, all are well and doing well.
There is nothing like good health, this without finish this until they come
is what you need so try and have you know they want to Mr. Carlisle
it and keep it. I am glad the dear last Tuesday then I can tell you when
little ones are well and strong and Maime can come to you we are all
are so much comfort for you. Oh how well and I do want you to believe me
glad I will be when Mr. Edmund when I tell you I did have a good time with
can have time to stay with you. I be with you and a just right in every
glad you enjoyed the time with you way and I did have a good time with you
old friend it is so pleasant to meet good by until the girls come his little part
old acquaintances ^{dear friends} also pleasant to Well Maime are they dear most of them are
make new ones. I had a letter from I think they are rather glad to be home again
Helen this morning she told me a lot as well but sometimes will be with
about taking Thanksgiving with you you I cannot tell but I think she will tell
he said he need not tell me what a me pretty soon they hardly know how to fit
fine dinner you had for I knew what every thing they seem to be in such greater
you could and did always do every demand but I think Maime will be with you
thing was fine and good I hope both soon. It is a sunny day and looks very
your brother were good and did not much as though we would have a day
cause you any unnecessary trouble. I more down. Oh my dear I want you to
want them to be good. I think they must feel my many many thanks for the
of having a good time all this time kindness and respect. You gave me no
time. Well we have word that Maime will be with you. It grieves me to think you
and Graces will know this evening so feel as though you cannot do right while

Mom and Dad Good night with love and Good
rich love in the father they took dinner
or supper with us and now are playing
cards. My are well they gave us
a fine lunch of fine Chile Dec 26 1898
Respects for Christmas

My Dear Minnie and Thomas

I wish both of

The first Sunday of 1878 and I wish you a happy day and better and more wishes to you
Let us hear of some other
such shape he will have time to - and you Father an unusual Otto was here
take a little time with his Fremont and Cora McKinnon and some cause the book
left at home and go around with them the long beach chiefs and they pay the Siler
it will do all so much good I do think reference to the Promenade all received something from
now if he could only stay and take then we all gave each other some little thing
little rest go out and see folks and find some small but suit good will amasses
then works he would find something that was worth all if we can feel right
that would help him I do wish he would and good to each other we will be happy
try it. Well how our every thing goes in that way and that is a great deal to think
with you I must tell you how it
was at Oak Place we had a very
pleasant social time otherwise and
Laine and Ira and Cora with three
two little girls were here for dinner
and all danced to feel well and contented are just what you wanted and they will
and full of talk and fun chain every suit you in every way they are young
strong and then seemed to be full and and you can train them to your liking
a little more they made it very lively what does you do a champion think of them
It may be you would like to know Well you dear Father has come from parents
what I received in the products line and much of course have gone home and it is
well I am sitting on a chair beautiful little late so I will stop for this time hoping
little sewing when that Ira and Cora this will find you and all well and happy
gave me Laine gave me a Muff. We are well and enjoying the young folk more
than ever.

wish all our dear ones hearts sat with and
 that Lucy could not come to the table so there
 was only your dear father, uncle Thomas Edison
 and my self it came a lovely dinner at the
 parsonage, but I am glad (Chorus Christ Dec 14/88)
 all are well and are trying to have good times
 if we have good times in the night and in the day
 we are sure of good times in the night. My dear darling children and Golden
 life let us be up good I wonder how it is
 this will give the day I will tell you
 how it is hear it is more like a mid-
 summer day than any thing else I can tell
 you it is very sunny and I am sorry
 to say it affects both my mind and
 head it seems hard for me to think or
 to hold my hand straight as I will
 put these two letters on with this that
 I will buy and write so you will not
 be entirely disappointed when you
 come to open this envelope,
 I want to tell you we are so glad
 hear Mr Edison is among us well and
 pleased so well pleased with his work
 hear them of ever a man did deserve
 success Mr Edison you hear good
 at Hubbard does. Love both of you well

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Will not love and my best wishes to you and dear old Cousin Cousin Mary Mother,
his little feet over and over for me I thank you for your goodness and
being better than necessary but all right, good and not done and my best wishes to
and bright will turn to day and I hope his love and good wishes for his country
my dear darling sister is well and is and I hope his love and good wishes for his country
enjoying her sweet little darlings. I am on her feet if I can never stop I
more and more every day my dear will tell you a little news and what a great
when they get to be men and women surprise me had yesterday at four O'clock
how sweet and dear they will be to you and Lucy and me, I am sure of it
you I do hope they may all live to our house we were not expecting them we
grew to men and women and had a Telegram in the morning about mine or
they will be a comfort to you and then ten O'clock they would be here so at four they
dear father how sweet and comforting sleep at the dear dear but Lucy is my weak
it is to have our darlings to look a family there most out it is wonderful
to and be with us when we feel sad that she has arrived dear dear and alive
and the charmed of this life begin well to live it well but my love and dear
to look themselves things must be it is very hard for him to hear that Lucy had my
ad when we were young and my thing thing to as in getting hear hear me it makes
looked bright my dear hope for a little my heart tremble to write about other but
darling with you now all you can live in a few days she will feel stronger
win there love and all will be well and better in every way I am sure she will
with you and then think what dear long for this life I think we are all well dear
Theodore and there was nothing greater I am sure I am sure I am sure I am sure
than love. Our dear Theodore as but I don't if they get a better one I am sure
hope he is enjoying the benefits of his and was very good I thought and did

Richard is expected home some
day or Tues day - I'd had Ann
out alright riding To-day & some
home blowing I sent which
very hot & took only 100 lbs. of
hardt & took out for a fine
ship ride - The drift in the
country on My dear daughter's & sister
beautiful papering as miss you
full tonight & I will love to see
and your dear little ones do much
hardly know what to do I am not going
to church to day so I will take this
morning to write just a few lines to you
dear Lucy says she will finish them for
me this afternoon I can tell you we are
very lonely and as miss you and all the
other dear ones that are not with us to day
we miss the dear ones that will never be
with us in this life again O it seems it could
be so they must come in some form from
dear home and come so often always on
dumy if she was able to write and if it
was only for a short call O how can it
or we let her go it is so hard for us to do
so about what a consolation to think the
same dear ones are all to get this
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baby Robert moving at last that will never
 end with them all is contentment and peace
 now with them. I see China we will try and
 be ready for when we are called we can be
 with them near to part again then all will be
 well with us. I see China as long as you have
 to go home I was very glad to learn that you
 are safe and in due time I am glad when
 all good will with you and yours I see hope.
 I see Ch. Casin is well and business is all right
 with him please let me hear all when you will
 be home we will let every thing be until we
 hear when you will be with us we hope all of
 you will be here Christmas try and bring
 Ch. Casin with you if he will come we will
 have all we want for Christmas I see hope he
 will come with you do all come if you can I hope
 all are well and content with their and very
 best wishes I will close and I see Mary
 will finish and tell you the news of there
 is any to tell you better and I hope to
 Sunday school Mary has gone to school the best
 of wishes and will for all and I hope to

Mother has written Robert and
 her arm is tired so she wrote
 me to add a little to this. I
 am so sorry you had to
 leave us, and I hope I have
 Alva will be glad enough to
 see you to reward you for going
 back. We miss you terribly
 and the house seems very
 quiet and still without
 you and the children -
 We have now to content our
 selves with looking at the
 picture nearly - but if you
 all come back for Christmas
 this afternoon sister Haddock
 come in, then Mary & Charlie
 and then I see I see we
 were able to prevail on the
 last two only to remain
 for supper Mary & Charlie
 had left their beds alone

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I think Charlie is very nice
indeed - Mary and I walked
out to Janie's yesterday after-
noon and stopped at Mary's
but she was not at home
We learned to-day that they
were in Cleveland doing
their Christmas shopping.
Does it seem possible that
two weeks from to-day is
the day of the year? Edna
has gone with Father and
came to Teacher's meeting.
Father says he is going to
resign from the Sunday S.
It seems that the Junior
League is embracing all
the lines covered by the
Sunday School. I think
that is the great trouble
all through our church -
there are so many different
organizations and we are
not to resign however.

about it as he knows, do him about any one
Gang leaves us also about the same time and
what do you think Roff's leave is also
for so long a journey we may be sorry
to expect he has wrote an "Editorial" too? 1918
told you all about what he is doing I don't
think he wrote about it as well story
until another time, say some day and then
I will write you about it. I have heard that
of Gifford & Gang also shared their little party
and dear William who was so kind to let
us have those beautiful lines about our
dear gang men that gave them leave
for our country and the good of man-
kind. Oh how glad I would be if I
could see ^{you} and hear all of your talk
and I would know just how ac-
felt in every way I am hope all are
well and enjoying life the best they
can all are grasping for higher and
better things than this life
can give us I shouldn't say this
life can give us for I am really
believing the the more we try to
learn and improve in the right the
better we feel and this life is better
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Looking down, I saw a small
 butterfly, very different from any I
 had ever seen before. It was
 very small, and its wings were
 a beautiful, iridescent blue.
 I was very much interested
 in it, and I watched it for
 some time. It was very
 beautiful, and I was very
 much interested in it.

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FAMILY RECORDS SERIES

**CORRESPONDENCE BY
EDWARD B. MILLER**

Happy New-Year to you
all.

Oak Place
1/1/88.

Dear Sisters & Brothers

I want to thank
you for being so kind as
to remember me Christmas

both presents you
sent me were nice, pretty
and also what I needed, but
I do not deserve them, I
feel ashamed of my self.
I hope some day to have
up and do something for
my country.

We had a green xmas,
day but still a gay and

Early time, I suppose you know by this time where we is; I am sorry you all could not be a part of us but there is no doubt but what you had an enjoyable time also at your own home.

All folks returned from there say they had a splendid time, the best they ever had there.

You must all come west soon, we want to see you.

Love to all

Ed

Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Gilman
and
Miss Maud Miller - Orange, Ill.

EDWARD S. MILLER,
AKRON, O.

Dear Sister Minnie -

Thursday 9/11/96.

I am in your letter to Mother and father
you received our telegram and that you are still holding
them out against the stamped of Bride and groom
& pleasure makers. You are doing well and I hope
you will receive a good big reward some day for
it. I think you care so much for all the kind
cases you did for me during my visit and hope
I was not in your way. I would have stayed longer
had you not such a house full. I suppose this
people become bride and groom tomorrow and
will leave for home. Do not grieve your self
sick for their leaving you could die and unexpectedly.

Dear Jane is no better this morning. I called up
her yesterday afternoon and she said several times
that she was feeling so miserable. She still thinks
she is not going to get well and seems to worry over it.
'Poor girl' she is fearfully bloated. She stuck her
foot out from under the cover so that I could see
them and I could hardly see her toes. They look like
two little heads just sticking out, comparatively speaking.

She is just that way all over. I do not think she is as well as she was two or three weeks ago, but there is nothing you or we can do to help her she said. And I am afraid it is too true. I am so sorry she can not enjoy her home more as she has worked so hard and thought so much about it to have it nice.

I must write John. I am sorry I did not go around by Ethica home. I should have tried to change my ticket. Tell John all about it. I have called on the boys at each place they have been attending school. And I must see John in Ethica some time, as I suppose Cornell will be his minding up place as far as college goes. I must close. Give my love to Madeline Charles and Theodore. I have also lots in store for you and yours
yours lovingly
Ed.

Mrs. Maria M. Edison
Orange N.J.

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES
CORRESPONDENCE BY GRACE MILLER

[5/18/92]

My dear Nina:-

I did enjoy my visit last week too much. Had lots of fun. It seemed dreadfully hard to come away again, it always is. The girls had all gone to a lecture when I arrived except one of my roommates - Bessie Howard. I am thankful I escaped the lecture for they say it was dreadfully long and uninteresting.

I unpacked my trunk that evening and told the girls all I did.

Last week the Trinity Episcopal Church came up and gave a concert. After the

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concert - dreadfully stupid - they came around to the different houses and surrounded us. That was lots of fun. We threw down flowers and banners. It sounded ever so pretty to hear them sing in the distance. We did not get to bed that night until twelve at least.

We have enjoyed that gas of fun thoroughly and there is still some remaining for to-night.

Nina do you remember I left a pen holder to be mended in Boston? They were to have sent it in three or four

days but has not yet come and I do³
not remember the name or address.
It was the same place as where you
bought Mrs. Weston's present. I meant
to ask you for the address when I was
in Orange but forgot all about it.
Now I have about decided to go to Kildale
on the thirtieth instead of inviting myself
to Orange. You remember I spoke about
going there and going to a party that
Mary Green of Brickchurch is going to
give. One of the girls here is going
to the Junior Promenade too and
will be in the same cottage and
another is going to visit someone
at Dana Hall. This is not definite
but probable. If they both go I shall
but if not perhaps I will call on you.
I must write several more letters so
Good-bye. Lots of love from

Hamington -

Grace.

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FAMILY RECORDS SERIES

**CORRESPONDENCE BY JANE MILLER MARVIN
AND RICHARD MARVIN**

19, E. 62nd Street.

New York, Jan. 11th / 1884

My dear Miss,

I received Lewis's telegram saying that you arrived in Boston all right. I felt somewhat anxious about you for fear your train would be late and then it would be so lonely for Lewis to go off to a hotel alone. I hope though he had a good time and that everything was pleasant for you and Maggie. Mrs. Bush had been looking for me all day and when I arrived she welcomed me quite cordially. She asked why you and Lewis didn't stop on for the night &c.

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Wednesday was such a disagreeable
day that I didn't go out but mended
in and finished my table quilt
that I have had so long. I am
very much pleased to think that
it is finished and of course
pretty.

Thursday we went down street
and they have such lovely goods
I think possibly when I go home
I will get some dress goods.
Today I am going to Madame Bonpis
although it is a very disagreeable
morning.

I want to see Florence last evening
and she is coming here tonight to
stay all night. She wants me
to spend a month with her.
I can stay two weeks with her

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then we will both come down
to Kenton and spend a day or
two and stop to see Annie. I
expect to go up to Florence next
week.

Now my dear child I hope
you will have a good time.
Mr. Bond just brought me a
letter from you and I was de-
lighted to get it. You must not
feel nervous with best try and enjoy
every thing and I know you feel
all right. I am glad you are going
with Miss Margret for I am very
much pleased with her coming on.
I will write when it is decided when
my coming to Boston and if you
can get the rooms I think perhaps
it would be best better if you think it

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it will be pleasant there.

Now then up - Your trunk was
I unloaded as we came out
of the station that evening after
seeing you off. It was strange
that you do not get them. I
would visit the places of interest
as much as possible. I am glad you
had an opportunity to go to Norfolk.

With a great deal of love

I am affectionately,

Yours

Don't miss August. I like that name
very much and am glad you
intend to call him that.

101. E. 62nd Street.

Feb. 6th 1884.

My dear Maria,

George met me
at the station at New Haven and
seemed very glad to see me. They
were all well and inquired
after you and Lewis. I have
been unable to get your paper
and fruit - Florence will attend
to it for me. I came back
Monday evening feeling rather
tired. Mr. Broushart called and
we had a pleasant visit.
I am now all ready to go home.
Trunks have gone and I packed
all my paper in it. So you will
receive half sheet. I ever love
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write for paper from home and
send sample - I cards it fast
as well and not bother flower
with it.

I hope you and dear had a
good visit together after left.
I wonder if you have received
your money from home -
I will write you just as soon
as I am home - You may
look for your fruit in a few
days. Love to Miss Maggie

Affectionately

James.

Cap Place June 16th 1844.

My dear Miss,

We received your
letter this morning. It is very
kind of Mr. Littleland to give
you so much information and
urging you to stay with
them "until time of sailing".
I intended to write Mrs. Butler
today about your coming
so that I think it will
be all right but if you
would like you could stay
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with Mrs. Littleland Friday
or Saturday and then go on
to New York.

I think it best that you
send your large trunk
home and get a steamer
trunk to take with you to N. Y.
and then if we need it
will take it with us it not
will put your things in the
trunk or bring your home.

We don't want to take any more
travelling than possible is necessary.

I thought you could wear
your green suit in the
steamer. Taking with you
your brown suit. Your
sweater with a tan color

We will bring the dress that
Madame Chekan gave. Your garden
spike dress - one of your or white
dresses. I think the plainer one -
and that you, dress trimmed
with red velvet if you wish -
Your black silk you had then
and home and if you prefer
it to much velvet you could
wear your gray in the steamer
with your seal skin. Your little
green hat would be all right
with a man. You need something
blue to the head. You will
not bother to get the rug
I will get them where I come
You might get you a cap for
Mamma and Grace in Boston

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I am having some undershirts
for us all - take your plainest
under-clothes with you there will
be a change - wear your
heavy shirt on the steamer and
take your black and white on
with you & have washes for you
at home.

I think I have a nice mesh
laid out will send it - I
want you to get a small copy
of "Lady of the Lake" and a
cheap copy of "Emma" for
me will be it. Waverley and
the locality mentioned in that
story. Perhaps you had better
and that can colored glass
shades for the door or bring

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from Madame Schlemm will
take the place of that - You
will not need many summer
dresses but it will not take
up much ^{room} to take one with
you - the things we use on
the steamer we will leave
with our trunks so that we
have them again & have no other.
You must good shoes and
rubbers in case we might need
them - I will bring your luggage
I intend that you shall have
no flannel under-clothes on
the steamer -
I thought your red wrapper
would do to wear in the
state & one of night over
your night dress. We go
on the "Oregon" which
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Sailed Seville 8 o'clock yesterday
morning June 25th.

I think Lewis will return
home perhaps he will be
able to contribute to do so for
I presume he will be home soon.
It is not yet decided whether
Miss Phillips will go with us
or not. I think we can get away
alone but I thought if we could
be pleasant to have some mother
I am very sorry if it does not
suit you.

Planned to land at Queenstown
travel through Ireland and
then Scotland - English Lake
district - and Wales I have not
planned yet for I did not
visit that country at all - I
think though we will make this

trip from the English Lake
and visit England last
and then go to Paris - If
we have time will take a
little turn on the Continent.
You get yourself ready and if
Miss Villalobos can give you hints
and keep you all night - I
did not think of caps on the
Stemmas and I think they will
do better than hoods. - Get your
self a veil.

Write Miss Bruch & telegraph her
when you come go to New York
and Mr. Maron and he will
meet you.

We came home Friday and
return tomorrow. He looked for
a letter from you but received
none until this morning

which did not reach N. Y.
until after he had gone -
It is very sorry to have missed
you.

I will write again sending
the letter to 14 West Ferry Street -
so that you can go there and
get information if you stay.

In case you leave Boston
say you and never wish me
to know then -

I will be very glad to hear Mr.
Lilland's words and to hear
him give you any points that
he thinks of for me can not be
so well informed -

Then there sounds a great deal
of love and a kiss - I will
be lonely for her but she in-
tends to go to Chautauque some
days or so and I hope she
will enjoy it.

She seems as well as usual.
I would like to have her go
to New York with me but
she thinks not. I don't know
whether father will go or not.
I hope so.

With ever so much love
Friend.

184 E. 57. Street N. Y.

Nov. 21. 1895-

My Darling,

Your note came this morning and glad you have decided to go home. It is still my opinion to wait a few months at least before marrying. I would not promise to be married in Feb. before going home any way. Seems to me Mr. Edison ought to wait for you a year or six months at least. It will be the best for us to go to the hotel and I think we had better stop at the Victoria. Let me know at what hour you will arrive in N. Y. so that I can meet

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you. You can find out at
the station Mr. Edison can tell

you. You know my dear I
love you truly. And I want
you always to be happy. And
I want your married life to
be most happy. I wish too
I were with you. Am going
home short now.

Will send this note by Mr. E.

With a heart full of love
for you - I am,
affectionately
Father.

135 East 57th St. New York C.

Dec. 17. 1885.

My dear Mina,

Your letter came this afternoon about two o'clock if you mailed it Tuesday I don't think the post delivery is very good. You should get Eastern mail in in time for the fast train and then it reaches N. Y. the next morning. I intended to send my letter by Mr. Edison but thought he was not coming and Charlie Bonch had just come in from mailing it when Mr. Edison came. I was a little blue Sunday but the spell soon passed off. I am glad Mr. E. likes me for I know he did not and then I think the Allibonds do not like me but I don't care so much about them. Of course they love Ben

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very kind and polite to me.
I went to see Mrs. E. Johnson
afternoon and I found our con-
versation was mostly about you.
She told me she had found
that in fact that you had been
influenced by them. I told her
that I had thought so and it
was quite natural to suppose that
they did influence them. We had
quite a visit and I think it was
all right.

Well Monday went to Plainfield.
George met me at the station and
all seemed glad to see me. George
brought Mr. Joy home for supper.
George was obliged to go to Boston
that night to meet his father.
Mr. Joy spent the evening with me
that is Mrs. Vincent Miss Mary

and my self. There was not a
word said about any need of
the family only asked what we
all were and inquired how
Mamie liked her school also.
They asked particularly about Ben.
Then I knew Mrs. Vincent did
say or ask if you had gone home
and spoke about your visit
at Mr. Joy's - Little Alice took
such a fancy to you as Mrs. V. did
that was all that was said
one way or the other. George did
not bring up the subject when
I brought it about. George expects
to go to Erie the second week in
January to the annual ^{Christian} meeting of
I invited him to go to Akron then
but he thought he would not have the
time. Miss Laura Vincent and
Charles Macey are to be married.

the last of February or the first⁴
of March.

I wouldn't worry about the Linnet
family any more. If you do not
like them well enough to be one
of them you cannot. (help I think
you have not been so kind
to any of them as to make you
feel unhappy. If you really

love Mr. Edison. I cannot help but feel
if you wait one year will know
so much better just how you do
love him. You have one so often
make a mistake and you are yet
so young. You know I like him and
I have no doubt but what you love him
but whether it is because you love
him for himself or because he loves
you. I want down to see if I
could cut down your underclothes

any in price. But I find they are
trimmed very simply but you are
to have the best work put on them
and the best material which I
could cost. I left out (brown
that suit with German lace &
the colored night dress. The suit
to be copied from the one of mine
was not counted in the cost
so that the bill will be about
forty hundred. That however will
only make thirty two suits so I am
going to get you a very plain suit
so as to have an even number.

Mrs. Stach told me they had just
sent out a trousseau with not so
many pieces but a little more
trimmed which cost fifteen
hundred dollars. She said it
was not above the usual sum.
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I have worried somewhat over
the things - Had two sleepers right
thick but to have them pretty and
and yet not so expensive. The
sheets we can get and have made
in two or three weeks time they told
me - So I thought I would not bother
so much about them now.
I get soon traveling so you can have them
made at home - I presume if you have
decided to marry in February Mr.
E. has talked over household matters
with you and Mother - I now ex-
pect to leave here Monday evening
I will be glad to get home although
I have had a nice time East. I will
see about the clock tomorrow. I
am getting a ring made to order for
Mami - Have gotten sleeve buttons

for Robert and a pair for
Edward - ^{order} Some socks for Edward
& Robert - I will then get some cap
buttons for John & Sherdon - Will
get a dress for Grace also try and
get fur - Gowns I have - I must put
into it tomorrow. Have the making
It is very hard for one to know what to get
for every body. I thought I would get a
gown for Father for his bedroom also
for Robert, Edward & Lewis. I have
Accessories for the Girls aprons & Collars
dishcloths etc. Will see about the top of the
also tomorrow. Am going to hear Lakin-
ginn Friday evening with the Edward
Brooks.

Love to all -

Affectionately
Dorville.



"Oak Place" Hb. R. S. 1886

My dear Minna,

We have been looking for a telegram from you all day. I'm now about four weeks and we haven't heard from you yet. I have about come to the conclusion that you did not stop in Cincinnati at all only long enough to get breakfast, lunch and I know Mother will feel better if you would send me word every day until you get safely settled some place so that you can write.

When the thought comes to me
that you are really married -
I feel that it must not be so.

But when I think of the one you have
for a husband I feel content
and think everything is as it
should be.

You will always be very dear to me
and if I thought ^{now} doing for you
was at an end I would feel
very sad - but I know you will
allow me to help you some
times. You seemed so lonely
last night when you left
me all. Mr. Edison, seemed so
nice also. I hope he will
learn to love me - as a sister
for that is what I want - to be to
you both.

The girls soon left last night
after you started and it
seemed rather lonely. Mr. Charles

Bond and Walter Mallon stayed
with us one night. Walter slept
with me and they talked most
of the night. Charles Bond
slept with Robert up stairs.
Edmond in the room with

your gifts. Mother slept with
me in my own bed in the
little room and father in
the larger one.

This morning we took up
the coming from the sitting room
and the tables and brought
down the furniture and some
things as that it seems quite
home-like again. The dishes
and everything was out of the
house by ten o'clock and the
kitchen was left in perfect order.
Grace was sorry it was all
over. We now have to look
forward to your return. You

much, however, my darling, will you
 be shall be so anxious to hear from
 you. We are going to put the
 flowers up stairs and keep
 him as long as possible just
 as they were yesterday. Every one
 that I have seen liked Mr. Edwin
 just as much and were pleased
 with him. My all thought you
 made a beautiful bride -
 Mrs. Goodrich, Margaret, Bella
 & David - also Mr. Marston were
 over this morning, also Mr. & Mrs.
 Root, Mr. Key and Jessie were
 over this afternoon, and looked
 at your presents.

Edward went to Pittsburg with C.
 Brush this morning. Robert
 went to Canton. Walter Mutton
 goes to Chicago tonight and
 Mr. Marston goes to Elkhart in the



We will pack your things next Monday
 and will begin sewing your gown
 &c.

Today has been a very disagreeable
 day, wind & rain, such a
 contrast to yesterday. Your
 wedding day was perfect. I do
 hope my darling's sister's life
 may be just as bright as her
 wedding day. You have been on
 my mind so constantly for so
 many weeks that I can't get you
 up just yet - I have given
 my best my dear Minnie and what
 "concerns you will always be of
 interest to me."
 Did you find your rings

and do you remember anything
about about my diamond? I
let Mrs. Storer wear it. I can't
find it. Did you take it by
mistake. It is the one with the
three small diamonds.

We haven't seen anything of
your rings. I think you put
them in your jewel box.
The night dress you left to
be laundered has no buttons on it
and I think I will have button
holes put in it in place of
buttons so that you can wear
the studs. I can have several
of yours changed that way if
you wish me to do so.

Mamma returns to school tomorrow
our family will soon be small
again and then mother and I
will spend the time working
for and talking about you.

Mother sends her love to Mr.
Union and says your letter
has got out of her mind, we must
today.

Write soon my dear, Tell
Mr. Edison to write also. Give
him my love.

Your loving sister,
Jennie.

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"Oak Place"

Feb. 26. 1886.

My Darling,

Your telegram came
about eight o'clock last evening
and we all felt relieved when
we heard from you. This morn-
ing we received your letter and
of course we were much happy.

My dear, you must sleep and rest
as you travel for you will be ill.

I am so glad yesterday was such
a bright day in Cincinnati. It was
quite beautiful and also again
today and it is quite cold. You
will be getting into a warmer climate
for several days to come and then
you will feel better when you

arrival at your new home, I
will try to get Father and Mother
off in a week or two, so that they
will arrive soon after you are
comfortably settled. I do hope
nothing will happen to prevent their
going. As there is feeling quite well
and of course all are for that matter.
We miss you very dear but there is
expectation that we would. I went
into my closet this morning this
and saw your talcums still there
that you were so much last summer
and I could not help back the
tears. You are more to me than
I can tell although I have not
made you think so and often
have said and done things that

hurt you. I have tried to be true.
I want you to be happy in your new
life and I think you are going
to be. So much will depend upon
you my dear and I think you
can have it almost as you want
it. For Mr Edison has confidence
in you and you must have
confidence in yourself and then
I know you can get along. I think
competition is going to go along so
smoothly that you will wonder
at your self. Don't attempt too
much at a time though. You
will soon be home again and
then we can visit. Since we
have been home from N.Y. we have
had a visit. I am so glad we
had them for make together in

in the east this winter.

The canopy of flowers will stand in the library. Then after in the fall. We have arranged the furniture in rooms so that we can use them as we wish. In a day or two we will put them up stairs to Mrs.

All we can hear every body thought it a beautiful wedding. They thought you did so nicely. And all Mrs. pleased with Mr. Edman our new Brother. I should think that kind and loving life is ~~some~~ you could never have gotten a better husband. You love Mina. I like him and am proud to have him as a brother. The announcement cards only came this morning.

L. M.

I sent you a letter yesterday, to St. Augustine and only addressed to Mrs. Mina Miller Edman. I didn't know where you were to stop, so call for the letter when you arrive there. I put it in care of Mr. Edman.

I thought it wasn't proper for any one to wish you to the train. May was it any more proper for Mr. E's friends to go to the station and then travel with you for a short distance? I am glad you did not listen to Mr. Tappan, aren't you? Mother said if the boys had not gone to the train she would. I think Mr. Tappan can leave a few things yet about weddings.

How did you like your looks
in the news paper? We did not
think them at all good! We
are sending you a number of
pictures for one like that which
the best.

Mamie left this morning. Charlie
Buck meets her at Longtown
and goes on with her.

Mr. Charles Buck's name is men-
tioned with Mr. Edison's friends
and as being of their party.

I send the cards taken from
your parents. I hope they will
reach you all right.

We are trying to happy and you
must be. Grace and the
little boy sent to school this

morning - Grace reached yesterday
from your friend. Your ring and
my pin?

Give my love to Mr. Edison and
accept much for yourself.
I hope Louise will do well for you.

With affection -
Sincerely,
Gennie.

P.P. Whetman & Barnes had no card
upon their present - the Oxygent.
Mr. Hoffman did not leave a list
of names for announcements cards.

Gennie -
Your gold stick is here. I also send
this black velvet to wear with your
pink dress - Did Mrs. Allison give
the collar - all right?

"Oak Place."

Feb 28th 1876.

My dear Minna,

You are undoubtedly
enjoying the sunshine in Jackson
and are getting rested from your
long journey. We have thought and
talked about you to the ^{bottom} ^{of} ^{the} ^{well}
have been very fond about telegraphing
for Mother has been anxious to hear
from you every day.

Father thinks they will not start
until the middle of March. I
want them to go in a mt. from
now but he says no. I hope they
will go but I am afraid some-
thing will happen to stop them.

A very pretty toilet set came ²
Yesterday from the Broomfield of
Louisville Ky.

Mr. had the silver that Father &
Mother gave you all put out on
the table, and if it was in
a handsome case, would look
clever. I am very much pleased
with it and hope you will be.

Do you not think it would be
well if you would have Mr. S.
have the cases that are at
Glennmont taken to Tiffany's and
have the cases altered so they
will hold this silver. You know
they said they would not send
the silver to make a case for it
so that they could alter them if

you think best. I thought it might
be nice to have the cases ready so
that you could arrange the silver
as you unpack it. Excuse me
for making this suggestion. Shall
Mr. keep your things here until you
get to Glennmont & send them
on as soon as we get them
packed.

How we are scattered today. Last
Sunday we were all together at
"Oak Place". Today you are almost
in the extreme south and Maine
in the extreme East of the U. S.
What ^{great} changes can happen in a day
and.

Give my love to Mr. Edison. Remind
me to answer -
Love to Minnie. Lovingly
Dorothy

"Oak Place"

Mar 5th 1886.

Dear Nina,

You are starting
for your home site foot
Meyers about this time. I
imagine you have been having
a good time and that
you have enjoyed seeing the
Country as every thing is quite
new to you. I suppose you have
been experiencing warm weather
or has it not been very warm?
I fear it will be getting quite
warm in the South before
father and mother start. I
sometimes think Meyers will
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not go as she says she cannot.
I, both places South and
N. Y. I intend to insist on
her going South for I think
she will go to N. Y. any way
but South I fear if they don't
go this winter they will not
try it again very soon. We
all have been very well ever
since wedding with the exception
of colds. Every body has a cold
so that is nothing. Aunt.

Lydia Willman came up last
Tuesday and stayed until
Wednesday afternoon. We had
had some calls. Mrs. Crane,

Mrs. Kewellster, Mrs. Lyden, Mrs.
King and Martin, Mrs. Storer
Mrs. Conger, Mrs. Goodrich
and Margaret. i.e. Margaret
returns home tomorrow. Miss
Marian of Jamestown has been with
her all week. Father's birthday gave
a fancy dress party last Wednesday
evening. They were all masked and
about half of the evening. Edward
and I took Margaret and Miss Marian.
They all looked very fine. Edward's
dancer one that of Alon Carlo - Miss
Anna Barber represented a
dancer boy. They say she was the
prettiest one there. Father's
birthday was her suit that
she wore when you visited some -

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times up for the Carnival. Cora
Pice and her Mother went to
Massillon last Monday and ^{will} stay
not return until tomorrow. Cora ~~then~~
has called upon us.

Aunt Lucy started home last
night. We were sorry to have her go.
but we could not persuade her
to stay longer.

Amie Baldwin is getting as thin
as a lichen.

Mother has had three letters
from you and a number of letters
from all so glad that you keep
us informed of your whereabouts.

We have sent two messages to
you - and three or four letters.
Every body asks about and wishes to be

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remembered to you. Cora expects
Mr. Marvin was here for breakfast.
We had fry stink and onions -

potato cakes - and buck wheat
cakes - I enjoyed my breakfast very
much. I told Mr. Marvin I was

going to write to you - He wished
me to give you his love and
said he would like to write to
you. but he did not have as
he had before. I told him I

thought you would like to hear
from them and that he should
write and he said maybe he
would on Sunday. He is
going to go to Milamabur Monday
will be gone all of next week
then you wait.

There is to be a church social
tonight at the Church but I
do not intend going.

Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Schumacher
were married in Piquette
Wednesday afternoon. They will
be home after the middle of
this month. You know they were
obliged to go out of the state to be
married as cousins are not allowed
to be married in this state.

We have put the canopy, umbrellas, etc.
five or six up stairs we are going
to let them dry and keep them as
they are as long as possible. I
am sorry we could not keep them
just as they were on your wedding

day but it was not possible.
Every body said every thing was
perfect that day. decorations -
brides, groom, ceremony - and
supper - so of course it
pleased us all as well as your-
self.

When you get this letter you will be
at your destination. I hope you will
find every thing beautiful and happy.
And that you will be happy.

Give my love to Mr. Edison. and Mr.
Remember me to Louise. I suppose
you are both pretty tired.
Mother sends love and I guess she
will write you soon.

Loveingly
Louise.

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Miss. Mrs. Peapody of Louisville
wrote me asking for a letter of
introduction to you for her son
and sister who are travelling in
the South. They are not at New
York and intend stopping at
St. Myers - I don't know the gentleman
but am acquainted with the Mother
who is a very nice lady - Mr.
Peabody is a nephew of the great
Peabody of England who died a
few years ago. This young man travels
with a tutor. So I will send them
a letter of introduction I hardly think
they intend stopping long.

Jennie -

"Oak Place"

Mon. 10th 1886.

Wednesday

Dear Maria,

Two weeks ago was such
a beautiful day and it was
your wedding day. This morning
it is snowing and is so very
unpleasant. Everything seemed
to be in your favor and a rumor
has been circulated there were
nothings and about the matter
as very often is the case. So I
think the odds are all for
you. We have a telegram
from you Monday from Palatka
saying you would go up the
Ottawa river Tuesday. So
beginning you are certainly at length
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today getting ^{ready} for your sea sickness
at Sanford ready to go on the
cannon for a short distance. Will
you go down the Kissimmee River?
I should ^{think} from the maps that
must be a very pretty sail - I
think it would remind one of
Westward - so many lakes &c.
You certainly have had a fine
trip and you must have
enjoyed it. Father and Mother
intend starting early ^{next} Monday
morning and are going right
through to St. Louis and from
there to St. Augustine they want to
go right through from there to your
place and spend the time with

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Father. Father says he will be gone
his wife but I think they ought
to stay there until at any rate.
Love must try and keep them.
I missed your letter last Friday
and of course I was glad to hear
direct from you. I cannot but
enjoy hearing from you from
the West but it never seems
quite so near as when it is your
own. We look very anxiously for
your letters. I let our own send
your letter to me. But Mother
as I thought there was a chance
or two not intended for my eye.
I will always try to use judgment
in showing your letters so that
if you wish to be at all confidential

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you can feel free so far as that
is concerned. I will always try to be
true.

I sent you paper Sunday telling
all about the fire. It was a terrible
thing. I feel so sorry for Lou &
Louis - being off on their wedding
trip. I know they were expected
home to day. I saw Ed Bonsholt
yesterday and he inquired very
kindly after you and I wished
him to call upon you when
you returned. Did I do right?

Mr. Mason went to Milwaukee Monday
morning to be gone a week or two days.
I think Maria - you had rather
with him as with thanking him
for his services at your wedding

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or send some word in one
of your home letters. Also don't
forget to thank Miss Lytle. You
know those little things go a
great ways sometimes. You know
Mrs. Mason did a great deal toward
making your wedding run smoothly at
the last moment.

Your presents are all packed now ready for
shipping when you return. I thought
not best to send them ^{until} you would be
there to look after them. I intended
going to Cleveland this afternoon to
see about one or two dresses for Mother.
I thought I would get Mrs. Pizzie to
make the dresses for her. I must
write to Miss Richmond as she always
says she hadn't heard from me
since she sent the dresses.

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I invited my Sunday school class to
come on Friday evening for supper.
They all seemed pleased.
Mother said Mrs. Schinnerer and
I had some comforts for supping
and again tonight. We thought
comforts to cover mattresses would
be just as well as make you
know you can get my nice ones in
N. Y. I am hawking some
for you also. on making some
pings one more left to have most
of the sewing done before Mother
goes away with exception of the
Cotton shirts & pillow case.

How long do you think you will stay
here & how long to you have. I guess it
is almost too soon so you need
not answer.

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The Home Missionary Society meets at
Mrs. Brad's this afternoon and Father
is going there to supper. The
gentlemen take their lunch
at the Office now. Miss Price
furnishes it for them. They think
they will like it very much. So there
is my Mother, John, Gordon,
and myself here to dinner.
If they continue this long enough
we will take dinner & have hardly
supper perhaps although I think it is
better to have morning dinner.

I wish you would visit me soon
again - Miss Helen Phillips called yesterday
with her agent deal of love to Mr.
Stim and I consented to call on you
all over to best things. I am.

"Little Peace" Friday -
Albany Mass. 12. 1886

Dear Maria,

I have just returned
from down street and will
post you a telegram
to Ft. Myers thinking I come
you must be there by this
time - It has been snowing
my land all morning I came
towards as fast as it fell
it is very wet. It is a disagreeable
day. Upon my return Mother
gave me your letter to read
written from Philadelphia. Love

Monday - it rained this morning.

We had a message from you.

Monday evening saying you would go down the Ashland River Tuesday. We have sent several letters to St. Augustine and have sent a number to Mr. Rogers.

So I presume you will get them all at once. Mother and I have had our lunch and it tasted very good.

We are looking for Aunt Maria and Cousin Libbie up on the noon train. They were to be here this morning but failed to reach the train in time.

I presume they will stay all night. I intend to go to Canton & spend Sunday with Aunt Alice. I met her in Cleveland on Wednesday and she is getting ready to go South too. They both expect to go as far South as you see but will go to St. Augustine any way - Uncle Jacob is not at all well.

Yesterday I asked Mr. Connelley Mrs. Kinslow over to help me comfort for you. Mr. and Mrs. Shuman were also. Mr. and Mrs. Lou looked and I think they are all so pretty. We intend to make one all white which I think will be very pretty. Lou

that you have taken down
may leave Little Comfort to the people
for you will have six nieces
any way and then they are for
sleeping upon - These ladies
had dinner with us and we
had a good time - The message
to you was (Thursday Mrs. Goodrich
Harrold's mother and self took
Comfort for you - Aunt Maria
cousin Lizzie are here -
Well - Sunday Canton -
Sunny land - In

I think we have missed one of your
letters for you speak of one in
the little boys letter that I saw
but sure we have not received.
We enjoy getting your letters very
much and the time seems very
long between them. It seems weeks
since you were married -

stead of only two - I am glad
Mr. Edinboro is still at home for
that is how very often here had
be that of home - We would like
to receive you from home and
I would like a letter from him
too - Seems to me there are many
things he could write to me
about.

I sent Miss Richmond the money
this morning and also asked her
to forward some snuff. Although
I might select one and send it
without of and arrange in case you
do not like it you can exchange
it when you return to N. Y.
I will also have Mrs. Benson
send on some -

I am very glad you are happy and
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things seem all right. Father is
loving and Mother very Mrs.
Wright and Mrs. Parsons all
called yesterday - also Mrs. Loper.
The girls also Mrs. Loper wished to
be remembered to you -

I think if you don't get on faster
Father and Mother will return
as soon as you do - Father
wishes Mother if she ^{will} give
packing yet?

We sent the money from office
last week. I am sure when I was there
they money, a picture with a
picture of the two - I sent it
to H. Myers - I suppose you will
have left I suppose when they
return there - I see not doing
any serious today as we expected

the friends from Canton.

Mr. Miller showed a great deal of
love to you and Mr. Edson -
I wonder if he feels that the party
belongs to us? I hope he will
come right into the family and
be one of us then I think we
will all feel that better. I
intend to treat him as a brother
I feel as though I should have

any time. So you suppose with
me or is it for your sake? I
am sure willing to receive you
right to if you like.

Mr. Marvin will not be home
before the middle of next week.
I think he will be here for a day then
go East. I hope sometime

Father and Mother think of leaving here
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Wednesday - I hope they will
enjoy the trip. Would you like to
write down the names of the
it is so very nice. Mother might
bring it and you think you will
need it.

Write to me whenever you can
my dear and tell me how
to write too. Minnie Richards

My poor little sister, she
has hardly been through the
spring. I am so glad you
had fun at your wedding. Miss
Baldwin wished us to thank you for
the flowers and the cake. It was
so kind you didn't take some of
the cake with you. The large
cakes are still sweet. We are

replying them for you.

Be a good girl and don't forget
to love me Minnie in all of your
suffering. Sometimes I feel so dis-
couraged and that everybody is
against me but then I think it
is all my own fault and try to
make up and do the best I can.

With love to you and

I am very affectionately

Yours

"Oak Place"

Mar. 21, 1886.

Dear Minnie,

This morning father
received a letter headed
Ailsa. Mar. 12. post mark. Tampa.
It seemed a letter from you to me.
I think Mr. Edison forgot to mail
the letter as there is a letter
missing and I think this must
be the one. I have written
twice a week since you left.
This morning I found a letter in
Theodore's coat pocket which I
directed to Sanford. He forgot to
mail it. I am sorry you were
so long in getting without word
from home. What a delightful

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tail's you must have had
but you were glad no doubt
when you reached your home.
When you come out and do
as you please. There must
have been quite a feeling of
restraint trailing. I received
your telegram Thursday morning
we had not heard from you
for about ten days until that
word came. You have done
well, Emma. I hope we will
hear from you right along
although Father and Mother
are not at home. I think
Mr. Edison might write too.

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Father and Mother start tonight
for Munich. I hope you will keep
them with you until you return
North. I am sure ^{father} ~~he~~ can stay
just as well as not and we all
want them to. I hope they will
 enjoy the trip. This is a regular
March in. Snow a while, then rain
and then the sun shines - it is a
very disagreeable day, out.
I am as sorry Miss Richmond did
not send any wraps yet as I
can not send one with Mother.
I feel you ought to have one
but can you get along until
you reach home. I will try to
have some here by that time.

No. 1.

For you alone -
Oak Bluff

May 9, 1886.

Dear Maria,

It seemed very lonely
indeed after you left me.
Last Monday day at noon. Upon
our return from the station
Mr. Jones & Mrs. Stone here
She came over to call upon you
and regretted very much that
you had gone. Told me
the evening Susie King telephone
and wished to know if you
really had gone for they
all had planned to call
that evening - I am sorry

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You were obliged to go so soon.²
We will look for you in the city
if not soon.

There was a church social on
Wednesday evening so we all went
to it for I hardly know what
to do for it seemed so common.
It was a pleasant social, but
I hardly think I should have gone
had you been here.

Grace and I intended going to
Cleveland Saturday but Mrs.
Schuman didn't want us so I
go up Monday.

I imagine you are having
a quiet time at Glenmont.
I hope it is pleasant there

than here for it is really³
quite chilly and rainy. We
received your message Friday
evening - Mother. Just that
she must have gone you
so had me send a message
to you. We look for a letter
tomorrow. I hope even thing
arrived all right - your boxes
and the things in them. I
forgot to tell you about your
wedding dress - we were obliged
to put it in the small trunk
on account of cramping it in the
bag - on our account. I'll
try bring our it. I hope you
took it out right away.

I hope you will tell us about
everything. I presume you are
very happy. I wonder if you
are more fed & with your
family I hardly think you are.
Of course all attended
Sunday school and church.
Mr. Mason says you will be
here when he returns home
he thinks of being here next
Wednesday.

Mrs. Conger and her sons
leave for N.Y. Tuesday. They
sail for Europe that is the day.
will next Saturday. I wonder
if Mrs. Conger will go out to
see you. Mother and I
are gone out every day for a

since you left. She has ⁵read
upon each six lessons was and
confined to the house. You
know Mother will never go out
for a drive unless there is
an object or a reason for her
going aside from pleasure.

You left me of those letters
last. When did you intend it
or shall we be it for you?
Anna leaves in two weeks. a new girl
comes tomorrow. and Mother does
it. I hope you will be good
left right away and then can
put them. See - it is a very
hard thing to do now a days.
They are so independent.

Has Mr. Edison a grammarian in view
for last? Mr. Upson writes me
about a lady and if you would
like I will send her, rather to
you. I guess I will send it, and
may and then you can do as
you please.

I hardly know what to write this
Wednesday so guess I had better
stop.

For my love to Mr. Edison
Marian and the little boys.

Write me as often as possible.

Affectionately

Bessie -

I have a miserable pen.

You must excuse the "mother"

so often - also I hardly -

This letter is for you alone.

No. 2. "Carp Place"

May 12. 1886.

Dear Nina,

We looked for a letter
from you yesterday and today
but none has been received - We
all enjoyed the letter you wrote
Friday. The boys read the letter
but did not feel at all in-
clined to laugh at you for writing
and feeling as you do. It would
seem dreadful to me if you
were not happy and loved your
husband more and more. I
love of a husband ^{him} enough
that each day he saw and learned
something new in his wife's
character and he loved her more.

and more. They had been married²
some years too. My dear Maud. I
hope it may be so in your case
and then seems to me there will
be perfect happiness. What I have
seen of Mr. Edison seems to me
he is very patient, loving, & kind.
and I think he is very fond of you.
About your household cares you
will get along all right and I
don't think you will have any trouble
if you get good servants particularly
a cook. Our new dining room girl
came last night. I hope we will like
her and she is - Annie leaves Satur-
day. I told her she might go. But
she seems to want to stay this week.
I must to Cleveland Monday and am

going out again tomorrow. Yesterday³
and today Mother has been putting
away furs and we have been looking
on the old dresser. Several of your
things are going to send to Mary Hunter
your green - you won't last summer
a pink cambric and seems to me
another one but I have forgotten.
Mr. Sayden's had a tea party last evening
Father & Mother and myself were invited
and must. There were mostly married
people present. Such as Mr. Jackson's
Mr. Stone - Mr. Scoville Dr. Young's
Mrs. Lake &c. It made me think I
was getting old. For I remember when
Miss Addie Elkins used to be invited
with all the older people and she
was considered an old maid. I don't
even remember I was as old.

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Father is getting some oil painting
and the men have been hanging
them today and I have been
Mr. seeing the work. I spent about
half of the day doing it. I felt
a little tired this evening. I don't
going to Cleveland tomorrow but
I must if I have any business this
season. We intend to have Messrs
Myddie's, Dodge - Long's and perhaps
Mr. Winn's over for dinner Friday.

Winnie seems to be feeling all the
time for child. I really feel sorry
for her.

I will try to try and all things ready
for you to come or bring to you.
When perhaps Mr. Edison would
rather not have me come down
as he said nothing to me about

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coming. He may prefer to be alone
with you for a while at least. Of
course I don't want to intrude or
do any thing which will not be
perfectly agreeable to all. I fear
I will not be wanted by all and in
that case I would rather not
go. I am ready and want to do all
in my power to help you if I can
I can't do much but I am willing to do
what I can.

Have you written to Mary. She feels
you have neglected her. She is
working hard for child. I do
hope she will pass and do well.
She wrote that she was going to
Boston to see about her dress on
Saturday. I wrote Minnie what to get
her and mamma says that if her dress
are going to be very pretty indeed,

Write to us often - I think it will
be very nice to write regularly Wednesday
and Sunday as you said I will
write you Wednesday or Sunday the
day Mother does not so that you
will get two letters a week regularly.
I hope every thing is well with you -
Love to Mr. Edison, all of us here
and the little boys - Also to Mrs.
Edison if they are still with you
Affectionately,
Jennie.

Dear Clara -

May 20, 1886.

Dear Maria,

I should have written
you yesterday but the ladies of
the Foreign Missionary Society had
dinner and an entertainment
in the evening before and of
course we were all there so that
a letter writing was put off until
today. Mother received your
letter one from Maria and
one from Lavinia yesterday. They
all were enjoyed very much.
Lavinia was in the Loomis Valley when
he wrote - He does not say when
he is coming home. His very well.
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I had a note from Mrs. Bruch also²
Yesterday from Canton. She has
been here a week or two and I
think is to stay until the first
of June. She inquired after you
and supposed you were in
your own home in New Jersey.

Mother wants to know if you
want all your old dresses sent
to you. You had the black and
hair - brown suit worn last summer
your cloth braided suit -
your blue woolen dress that
you had with you South - a
pink Cambric and a light
silk cloth suit you got two
years ago in Boston &c. Let

Mother know for if what you do
not want we will send to Mary
or see them some other way.

Your Laundry things are not
all finished I presume they will
be this week and then we will
send them all together.

Everything is beautiful now
we have put out the plants and
vases - the green this year is
perfectly beautiful - If I remember
correctly you do not have many
trees about your place have you?

Mr. Munroe returned home Sunday
from Detroit where he saw Thomas
Gilchrist in very poor health.
He said she was in a very critical

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invitation. I have written her and
if she would like to have me
I will go up next week and spend
a day or two with her - Perhaps
go up one night and return
the next. They have beautiful boats
between Cleveland and Detroit.

It seems very strange to me
that Mr. Sullivan hasn't called
upon you yet. Aren't they in
New York now? I hope you have
called upon Mrs. Nevins by this
time. Is there but one Methodist
Episcopal Church in Orange?
It must have been quite a contrast
to our own church at home but
then you must expect that.

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I hope you will succeed in getting
a good Cook! Why don't you go
to the City and get a professional
or a first class one you will have
to pay them weekly or monthly for
board a month perhaps more.
I wish Mr. Edison find you one
or let me find you one. If the town do
the work nicely why do you bother with
a fourth one?

There has been a woman here trying to
sell Mother a coat and I ran called
down to see it. Mother decided not
to take one. She wishes you might see
how early it is about home now
Something has come out especially
Mother sends a great deal of love.

I feel as wild and have not little
ambition to do any thing. I presume
it is the Spring madness.

I saw Cora at the social last
night and she looked quite pretty -
She wore a pale green suit with
hot trimmings to match - I saw
Lafayette there soon the next
Thursday at the dinner.

Willie Dodge gives a party Friday
evening. it is her eighteenth birthday
We are all invited. I spent one
day this week at the Dr. Lyden's and
an engagement with him for next
Tuesday. The Oak fellows have
been having great doings here this
week and this has been the

When members were paying their con-
tribution by showing them about the
town and through the factories &c.

our carriage carried some. When
they were at the machine factory our
lady was very badly hurt as
a carriage backed right into
him and cut his breast grievously
so that it will some weeks before
he can use again. His mother
feels it to see him he stands so
patiently under more when any
today comes near - the Dr. thinks
he will get over it all right but
it will be a long time. Pat has been
in trouble and has just gone
through a trial - I think though he
will be cleared. You remember the

say you left home there was a woman
here to see me concerning Pat and
her daughter and she threatened
then to have Pat arrested for
abusing her daughter but Pat
denies ever having any thing to do
with the girl - Father must be laid
We have another very good fellow
in his place however and I guess
will not mind Pat for the time being.
We have taken over an about 15 to 20
the Greenhouse back. The little
plant Mr. Edison brought is about
dead so that we cannot expect
anything from it. We will have to
buy it again sometime.

I am glad you are getting along so nicely with
everything - Mrs. Edison must be a great help
to you.

Many says when she makes a change she
wants to do chamber work for she is
kind of cooking. The dining room pit
we have now is an excellent Cook too.
Maybe Mrs. Will Hook could tell you
for good cook you know he is at the
Hudson Hotel - He might possibly
put you on track of some one. I
don't wish to be with a fourth girl if
I am you at present if there three pie
can do the work. And I don't see why
they can't with your small family.
Let us hear from you often -

With ever so much love
Affectionately
Yours.

No. 4.

"Oak Place"

May 23. 1886.

Dear Minna,

Your letter was lying
upon the table last evening after
our return from Canton and
of course it was read with pleasure.
Father and I went to Canton
Yesterday morning & spent the
day with Mrs. Branch. They were
looking for Mr. Young in the
afternoon as Mr. Wilson and Mr.
Young exchanged pulpits today.
They had invited Father & Mother
to spend the Sunday with them
also but Father thought he
ought to be at home when
Mr. Wilson came. When we
got home we learned that
he had started for N. Y.

which was a very great surprise
to us - for we hadn't heard
that he thought of going - I guess
he decided very suddenly - I
presume he will spend the
day with you I hope as of
last. He had a pleasant time
at Mr. Petersons saw Robert and
visited him in his room. He
came up with us for tea. Mr.
Belam also stopped with us.
Sawyer Mrs. Conger was delighted
with everything and it was very
kind of you to ask her out.
I think my dear you are deceiving
of everything that Mr. Edison
has given you and I haven't
any more but what you are
going to manage everything all

right - I am glad you are so
happy - I want Mother to go and see
you now but I hardly think she
possibly I can persuade her
yet. I think you had better send
a note to Mrs. Brush and her
boys that you are at Gloucest-
and would be pleased to hear
their call upon you. And
any other of your friends that
you would like to particularly
to call upon you - Sometime
when I am there we can
invite Mr. Vincents people to call
Perhaps I had better wait until
next week before going on East
and then stay until the
children can come and then
take in a trip to Boston &c.
I thought it might be nice if

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You could go with us and
into Marion & Thomas - and
visit the historical places about
Boston and then a trip of a
week or two days in the mountains
and then back to N. Y. for a
few days and then come on
to Clantonburg - make our
trip from N. Y. about two weeks.
I think it would be good for
us all - Mr. Edison could
spare you that long I think -
Mr. can however plan later -
It has been my wish of some
almost seem me there.

I understood the other day that
Mattie Perry was in the family way
I don't see her out very often
So I presume it is true.

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Sad McElroy is at Cornell
College she went early this Spring
I saw Kate the other day and
she said the reason she did
not call upon you was that she
only got home the day before you
left for N. Y. Next time you visit
come you must arrange to make
us a long visit.

I don't know very much news to tell you -
is I go out as little in the wintering day.
Hollis Dodge had her second and
very party last Friday evening
at home there - it was her eighth

birthday - Anna was six years old
and Mr. Snyder's son was married
37 years - you remember it was then
unnecessary to. Minnie Richards is
at out the same - I haven't heard
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from Florence yet so don't know
as I will go then -

The cook book was put into one of
the boxes that was packed in the
box some I think with the set of
silver from home. Your silver bowl
was also put into one of the trunks
the one with the wedding dress.

I hope you have found them
after this. I will try to remember
something you have asked for.

I will write again Wednesday. I think
though I will not come ~~just yet~~

next week and think of something is
favorable. I will start. It will
give you a little time to be
alone and then perhaps you
will feel more like having some

one with after a week or 2
perfect quiet. And in winter
you haven't really been alone
in either home since you
have been married. I will be
on hand in a week or ten
days. I never have been in N. Y.
this time of year -

I hope you all will be glad
to have me with you -
I presume mother will write to
you today.

With love so much love
Jennie.



June 27, 1886.

Dear Misses, I have been
packing some of your things.
I send you in these of
most of your sewing dresses
that you left behind and
if you don't want them
you can give them away or
return them with the trunk.
All of your needlecases
are not finished yet so
will send the remaining
ones with these.

I badly think it is but for
me to wait for you at present
although I would love to see you
much.

Mother has been doing all the
cleaning since mother wishes the
help of a woman. The room is
about finished.

Father was very much pleased
with your letter and its con-
tendings. He said you sound
perfectly happy and was getting
along nicely. He said you had
a very nice dinner. He said you
had not very much. I hope you
can get Mother to visit you
this summer and take the
little boys. I fear my plans
will not Sunday will not
be carried out as I do not
expect to go. But this summer.
It is cold and disagreeable
today we have a fog in the
afternoon.

I Saturday Father and I went
into the country to a Sunday

school convention and on Sat-
urday a good time. Father was on
the programme and did very
nicely indeed.

I expect to go Cleveland this

Excuse me for mentioning again
these names. I some one for a
governor. Mrs. Goodrich wrote
to Mr. Warren that she thought
you could get Mrs. Goodrich if
you would like her. She is Mrs.
Upson's sister as I suppose you
know. She is a charming lady
and one who has had experience
with young ladies. Miss Hamilton
the lady I spoke of before in my
recommendation very highly. She
from an excellent family is a
very good musician and a very
educated. Her home is in
Pittsburg but she will be in

New York until the middle of June
 In all my life and my
 thing goes on as usual at
 home.

Robert is to spend Sunday in
 Indianapolis -

Did not as much for

June

More than sends for

Chautauque, July 21/1906

Dear Mina,

We arrived here
safely yesterday afternoon -
took dinner at Lakewood
and then the yacht for
the cottage. Everything
seems as usual. Got a
^{number}
at the hotel. Mr. Hirstones
are here visiting Uncle
Jacob's cottage and taking
their meals at the hotel.
Mrs. Chell and Beaupre's
also take their meals at the
hotel - Mr. Studlicker's came
today - They have bought Mr.

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Frank Aubrey's Cottage. Mr.
Vincent has been away for a
week or more returns here
tomorrow to stay until
Friday when he leaves for
a week's trip. ^{Wade} Mr.
^{Virginia} George are very cordial
George called upon us
last evening. The Brown
girls are still at home.
Gert and are having a
good time. Every one
wonders if you are coming also
if Mother is coming I hardly
know how to answer for I
don't know really what

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you intend to do.
Thomas and the little are
perfectly ^{well} and enjoy every
town. They all have their
hair cut close to their heads
and are tanned as can
be. They seemed very much
pleased with the grapes &
peaches.

How kind it was of you
and (Mr. Edison to go
to the train with me. I
really was ashamed of my-
self for getting so mixed
but I was so surprised when
Thomas said he had kept a
few moments to make the

train. We are always so ⁴
ready to excuse our selves and
try to make some ^{one} else the
cause of all difficulties. I
blame myself for not knowing
exactly about the train and
watch. You did all that
you could and I thought
of course I knew all about
everything which I should have
done. As it was everything
turned out well for me
but here for you I don't
know. Everytime I get near
I am provoked with myself.
I want to be more patient but
because to me I will never

reach that point. ⁵ Everything
at your house is so beautiful
and you and Mr. Edison
made it so agreeable that
I regretted my mode when
the time came for me to pack
my trunk. - My dear, I regretted
my visit very much and
Thank you and Mr. Edison
for it. I have thought you
so often alone all day long.
Hope Mr. Edison returned home
early in the evening and you
have pleasant evenings and
visits together. The cottage
and tent are as usual

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And we will be ready to welcome
any one of our people when
they get ready to come. I
hope you will not defer your
visit any longer than is really
necessary. Grace and Marion
occupy the tent. They have
a nice company of boys &
girls. And I guess will have
a good time.

Give my love to Edison
and tell him I think he
might write a few lines when
you write. I wish you would
write often dear Nina

It seems lonely here without
you girls -

Mrs. Vincent and Miss Harris
(Perhaps Harris daughter) called and
have just left.

With ever so much love

Janice.

Royal Hotel, Edinburgh,
Oct. 10, 1896.

Dear Minna,

I have had but one letter
from you but I would suppose there
is one on the way for me and as
it takes so long to get across the
ocean I will wait as I can.

I suppose by the time this letter
reaches you you ^{will} be about return-
ing home from Dan's wedding
and get ready to entertain our
Cous at your own home. It's
not seem strange to think of Dan
being married. I think though it
will be a nice couple. But we
tell me ^{all} about the wedding his
house and everything I am en-
vious to hear all.

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We have had very delightful weather
ever since we arrived in Edinburgh
and today is perfect. Last Sunday
we spent in Inverness and it was
a very rainy Sunday just the
opposite of today.

We left Inverness Monday morning
for Aberdeen and saw that City
Monday afternoon and went onto
Ballater that night. Tuesday morning
we took the coach ride to Braemar
and return. Passing by Prince of
Hales place, Abingfield, and the
Queen's place, Balmoral Castle.
It was a beautiful drive and
this time of year it was lovely
for the hills were thickly wooded
and the foliage was gorgeous
in color. I don't wonder the Queen
likes it there for the surroundings
are only compared to Windsor.

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Of course we could not visit
either place as they were occupied
by the Prince and Queen. We could
not drive to Balmoral as the coach
had stopped running. I have en-
joyed my trip as far very much.
Mr. Vincent came to Edinburgh from
Glasgow while we travelled through
the northern part of Scotland.
George left us yesterday to meet Mr.
Ackermann who has come just for the
sea voyage. George is staying in
Liverpool at the ship.

We leave here tomorrow for Melrose and
go on to Edinburgh that night. Left
Tuesday and reached Wednesday.
Thursday I think we go to Montrose. We
see that work and we get what we
are told from there. I don't know. We
are not going to stop before day of Friday.
We have had as long here as we can not

need to stop again until we get to ⁴London to stay sometime. We hope to reach there by Saturday. I think we will take lodgings if possible. He says he must get into for a sleep longer than we have been long. Sometimes we have ~~traveled~~ second and sometimes first. ^{the} Hotel is rather expensive they all think. You know we stopped here together but I don't remember that we thought it was unusual. We have stopped at the same Hotel so far that we did except at Olan and Glasgow. We went to a Hotel in I think at Olan but I forgot the name until I saw it ~~at Olan~~ ^{at Olan}.

I think hereafter you may send my letters in care of Rev. J. H. Vincent, 86 Old Bailey, London W.C. now that I am going out the Continent it seems better to have our letters all come together.

I hope you will write to me often ⁵
I will not think of going South if the earthquake continues to be so bad will you? I hope not.

I have had one letter from Mr. Marvin. Mother wrote me that he seems very quiet and calls upon her occasionally.

How are you getting along with your housekeeping? Are you doing some girls yet? Mrs. Vincent told me that for those winter days it was good to have corn and hyacinth bulbs mixed and little ^{starch} dishes of it or spread it around the place where they came to be and you will soon have them away.

I hope you have a good girl and that everything is happy for you. What has your decision to with Marion send her to school or hire a teacher?

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You are I still want to know
everything. I think of you as often
and wish I might run in and see
you all in your beautiful home.
You must give my love to Mr. Edison
and tell him he must bring good
to you. Be happy my dear child.
I certainly want you and yours to be per-
fectly happy for I do love you.
It would be nice to ask Annie to
visit you if you have not already done
as so that she could do some of
her shopping in New York. I suppose
though you have asked her.
Let me hear from you often. Tell
Lizzie and Lou both to write to
me.

Love to all

Affectionately

Jennie

"Hotel de France"

Bordeaux, France, Nov. 14, 1846.

Dear Minnie,

I have had a letter partly
written to you for about two weeks but
some how I have put off finishing it so
today I must send you a short letter.
I presume you have received a chain
by this time taken to New York by Mr.
Ackerman. I had him send it to you
for I want a cushion made for it and
delighted you would keep it for me
until I returned. It is a chain bought
in at an in near the parsonage the
house of Charlotte Brontë's. I liked the
chain very much and the association
I would make it nice to have it in my
old too. Mrs. Vincent bought one too.
Well my dear I think it is time I was
hearing from you. I have had but one
letter from you I sent by Mr. Henry
Sheldon some silk stockings two
pairs for you and two for Mother
and four pair of woolen stockings
for you and one skin of yarn and
one for Mother.

By Anna Upson I sent you a calendar
for next year & two tickets for
Thomas & William. You might ask
Anna when you see her to let
you take yours out of the package.
I would be glad to have sent you a
dress & wrap but I feared you
would have your wrap and then
I did not like to ask to carry them
for me. They are wearing a great
deal of plush this winter in the way
of wraps and rich dresses made
of cloth & plush and silk & plush.
Now if you say I shall order you
when I will do as from Madame
Joyeuse but you will have to pay duty,
& shall I wait until come. I think
you might come over next Spring
and spend about six weeks. When
I will be getting ready to return home
and get yourself some thing on
can shop together. You will very
need to have your six weeks if you will
and in that time you could get your

self nicely fitted up and kind bring³
rich me. I think Mr. Edison can spare
you long enough for that. I wish you
would think about it. There are so
many pretty things which I would like
you to have and now you need them
for when you get older you will
not care for them as you do now. Not
say you are getting so thin I think
by next Spring the last of May you will
need a complete change and I wish
you would come and visit me
in Paris. I suppose you have good
time at home. Will you go on Kew
to stay awhile.

Ma is bound for Spain and will
be in that country about four weeks.
We left Mr. & Mrs. Vincent in Paris
and will join them again in about
four weeks in Nice. Ma is going to
visit the principal places in Spain -
Madrid, Seville, Toledo, Granada, Cadix,
Malaga, Gibraltar, Tangier, Algiers - then
Marseilles, Marseilles and then Italy.

I suppose some day you will be taking
the same trip. I judge ^{you} will have a hard
time getting along for we know no Spanish
and my little French. You must study
French if you have the time. What
are you going to do this winter. Why
couldn't you come with father and
go to Egypt with us. I think he will
only be gone about ten weeks. I may
be too kind of me to ask you to leave
your husband but I do want you to go
and I am sure you would enjoy it.
and particularly ^{as} of father it will be. Do you
think Mamma will come?

I had a nice letter from Louise the other
day and also one from Cora. Mr. Martin
wrote me that he guessed I had been
pretty thoroughly discussed since coming
to Europe and particularly after his
wedding was to come off so across some
one asked if I did not approve of it.
It makes me feel good to be talked about
in that manner. Did you hear any
thing when you were at home? I have
Hesperia's sales for New York: next Saturday.

She intends to go and see you. ⁵ Dear
her the day before we left Paris which
was last Thursday. We have been Tuesday
morning go to San Sebastian, spend a
day and then go on to Madrid arriving
there Thursday morning. Stay there until
the next Monday Nov. 22. Go to Toledo
spend a day or two. Then Seville -
Granada - Malaga - Cadix - Gibraltar
Tangier - and Algiers. We expect to be
in Spain about four weeks. Two weeks
from today we expect to be in Seville
Nov. 28. and a mid from in Granada the 5.
the eighth of Dec. We sail from Malaga for
Tangiers. 9 or 10 we sail from Tangiers
for Algiers stopping at Malaga & Oran.
We expect to be in Nice four or five
days before Xmas.

Let me hear from you soon. Mamma
sends her love to you. Am from with
all your family. Sincerely,
Bernie.

Cannes, France, Dec. 19, 1886.

Dear Mina—

I was so glad to hear
that Mother spent her day giving
ride you. I thought possibly she
would but she said nothing
about it in any of her letters.
She said you had everything so
nice that she rather found for
herself some time. I suppose Mr.
G. is looking very gay now. This
winter is quite different from last.
I little thought that I would be
in the South of France this winter.
One cannot plan too far ahead. I little
knew what I will do next winter. Sometimes
I think I will get married and then
when I get to think of anything I fear
I will soon regret the step. I don't
know what to do. I suppose I must
decide for I am not treating Mr. M.
right in many ways. I think everything
something of him and think he would

Make me a devoted husband, & then
say, and they are little things too, he
has not said. If he were in business
for himself, I would like it better
too. It makes it very awkward to have
to decide this matter over here quite
alone but I suppose I must. I
would like to have a home of
my own but I fear my ideas
and plans would be more than
I could afford if should marry
and then I fear I should be
unhappy as well as make my hus-
band so.

Mr. Warren says he has told me
all about his business and just how
he stands but I don't think he has
for I don't know. Perhaps I ought to
take a more candid view of his situation
than I do. I don't like him but because
I can't do it without these thoughts
coming up it makes hesitate about

deciding and for that reason I
think I ought to stay single until
I can marry only for love.

I did begin to wonder why I received
no letter from you but of course I
knew you were busy entertaining
Sara & Cora and getting ready for
winter. As long as you love me and
think I am willing to content although
I do enjoy getting letters from you -
You were very good to tell me all
you did or how Sara was there
What a good time you must have
had.

I suppose now you are all busy
about home. I wonder if you are
at home now I imagine if not
you soon will be going. Robert
is a little disappointed that you
will not be in Florida for him
to visit you there. I suppose you
will go on to his wedding. You

may get the same for Robert present⁴
from me as you did for Ida.
unless some one else intends getting
that. I don't know just what you
got for Ida but I suppose you got what
I asked for you did not tell me the
cost. If you get them at the same
place they make a little discount
What are you going to just! I wish
Robert had waited until I returned
some but it seems they can not change
I enjoy travelling with the Vincents very well
although I must say I enjoyed the trip
in Spain better than any past I have
tried so far. I have felt happier. We
have had such a good time and
Spain is as different from anything
I have ever seen. I suppose Egypt
will be pleasant too and then
Turkey will be there too. He has so
much work on hand and then he
does not care for sight seeing and

Mrs. Vincent is not well and she wants⁵
to rest always to go out after noon so she
can go and there is so much talk
which is not agreeable. In Spain we
had nothing of the kind. We all
went together and were ready to
rest or go. Which was delightful.
We have gotten along beautifully.
George has been very kind and
thoughtful. Several times I have
not been well and he has my niece
Anna too in my kind and I am
fond of her. We have been separated
from Mr. Vincent over five miles. We
meet them tomorrow morning at Nice
and spend several days and go on
to Mentone for Xmas - then to Genoa
in Italy. We may spend New Years
in Milan but I hope we will
reach Venice by that time. We
then spend a week there and go
on to Florence where we will stay
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or three weeks and then to Rome.
We go to Egypt about the last
week in February. We hope to visit
Southern Italy as well.

I hope Robert and Louise will
have a pleasant home and
be happy. Robert has been so
quiet in all his plans. I wish
I could help him now but
I suppose Aunt Alice will look
after his house while he is on his
trip. I hope Father will help
him get his house and furnish
it for him.

I am glad you are getting along
so nicely in your housekeeping.
I intend to bring home some
dresses you have you are entitled
to another handsome dress as
I took some of the money that was
intended for you to pay for ~~some~~
my dress I got at ~~down~~

I thought I would get either
a black silk or dinner dress for
you. Now I will want your exact
measures and then Mrs
Richmond made a good model
so that they will have an idea
of your shape perhaps you can
send me of your dress pattern.
Madame Joyeuse has your
measures but you are thinner now.
I will try to get all you want.
I do not care for the things Mrs
Remick brought as I expected
you girls to take them as I could
get more.

Give my love to Mr. Remick,
Edison, Marion, and the little
boys.

Affectionately
G. Louise Hager & Co.
Boulevard Paris.
14-7624. Orange.

So I sent a chair home by Mr.
Ackerman and asked him to
send it to you to take care of for
me. I got it at Harroth.
The young gentlemen I met in
London from Orange were the
Olegas the young man called
upon George.

"Hotel Minerva"

Florence Jan. 26. 1897.

Dear Minnie,

When we were in Milan the
Hotel Port told me Mr. Edison
had been very ill. I was quite startled
and then found a newspaper clipping
which Mr. Gray sent George it said
he had been ill but was out of danger.
I hope he is and that you proved to
be a good nurse. It must have been
quite hard for you. I had a letter
from Maude this morning saying
that you intended going South
earlier than you intended. I am glad
of it for one reason for I think Bob
was disappointed that he could
not go South. I think though the
California trip would be a nice
trip as they will be off to go South
sometime again and not as off
to go West. I suppose you did not
go to the wedding if you did not
me about it for you gave me such
a good account of Sam & Cora's. I also

wish you would write me about
Christmas what you got and what
you gave me. I am worried about you
for I think it must have been very
hard to hear Mr. S. so ill. I am glad
the children are at home. I guess
they must have had a good time
for Mother wrote me once that
they all had been out sliding and
when they came in they teased her
so that she was obliged to stop writing.
I am enjoying Florence as much. We
had such a good time in Venice.
I suppose you have heard of Anna S.
illness? She was very ill for two weeks
and then two weeks or almost getting
in a condition to leave Mentone.
Mrs. Vincent seemed anxious to leave
so I invested upon her her going with
George to Genoa, Milan, & Venice and
I remained in Mentone with a reunion
with Anna. She left about two
weeks before to fill some engagements
he is now in England and joins

us in Rome next week about ³ Feb.
4. Anna and I went to Genoa and
then Milan from there to Venice
where we met the Vincents a week ago
yesterday. We stayed there until Monday
noon when we came on here. We have
had beautiful weather all this week.
Tuesday and Wednesday morning Mrs. V. & I
went to the Uffizi picture gallery. Anna
is hardly strong enough to do much
sight-seeing. George was obliged to
do writing or work. Sunday afternoon
Jan 25. We all took a drive about
the City. While all at home were
getting ready for Robert's wedding
how strange it seems that to have
Anna and Robert to be married.
It will seem queer to me when I
get home for they both will be quite
settled by that time. Venice seemed
quite natural to me. Florence that is
only partly seem familiar as many
things come back to me. Read
Rome by George Elliston if you have

not already done so for it gives me a⁴
good idea of the places in the City -
I try every time to go out for a drive
to find the places mentioned;

Wednesday afternoon we went to St. Louis
Church. The Medici Chapel - St. Marco
and the Monastery where Savonarola
was moved on. We went to the church
of the Annunziata. This morning Mrs.

V. and I went to the Pellegrinone gallery.
This afternoon we all went to Lissola
a village not far distant out on the
mountains. We had a fine view of
Florence. My dear I hope you will
come to Europe in a year or two and
visit all these places yourself. I am

glad Mamma is going with you. I wish
for she seems so bright and happy.
I wonder how she is getting along with
her studies. She does not tell me.
Have you returned your calls? Did
Bishop Foster stop with you - I told
Mr. Vercout that you had invited
him to stop with you and he

seemed very much pleased for he⁵
feared you would not attend or be a
Methodist any longer. I hope my dear
you have joined the church and are
beginning to feel at home in Orange
until you do that - you and cannot
yourself with the people you will not
feel settled. It was the Colgate boys
whom I met in London - perhaps I
have told you before.

If Robert and Louise go South you will
have a good time. I am sure. May
you intend going to Harasrah. I hope so
if I see you. I would get Mr. Edison
to take me. What else to give you for
Xmas?

Write to me soon my dear child.
I think of you so much. I love you
dearly and am ready to anything for
my power for you. My body loves you
and admires your character. Which
of course pleases me.
Give my love to Mr. Edison, Mamma
and the little boys.

Sincerely,

James

"Hotel de la Gare"

Athens, Greece, Mar. 8, 1897

Dear Mina,

Mother wrote me a short time ago about your expectation. I am so sorry you have been obliged to go through as much this winter. I imagine your own trouble was quite enough to go through with patiently without having severe illness to worry you. I hope though my dear you will have an easier time from now on. If you are happy in the thought of having a dear little one I am not if you regret it I am sorry. I think when it comes you will be happy with it. I suppose you have told Marion all about it. I have to me. I would if I saw you if you have not already done so. She cannot help but love a little one I should think if you sent her for in her about it she will feel the

No doubt you have done so all ready. I will try to do a little shopping in Paris for it. Is there anything in particular that you want for it? I

thought for my present to it I should try and get a Crisp like Mrs. Giffes would you prefer all white or blue.

Will it not seem strange to have a little one again in our family but that is what we must expect now as many are married. I hope you are happy and cheerful now if you must go about and be happy for it will tell on your child if you don't. There is no need to regret anything for it is the common thing. Mother said you were afraid Marion would not love it but I am sure she will. I hope I will get home

before the eventful time. ³ My object to sail from Liverpool the 18th of June and I presume will land on the following Saturday. I thought I would spend a day or two with you before going home. I thought I would get for you a pretty summer dress - a house dress or matinee jacket - and a dress you could wear anytime of the year for a handsome dinner dress. Now you would like anything different tell me. Also ask Mrs. Edison if she would like me to get a seal sham coat for you. Now the way he spoke last fall I thought he wanted you to have one. Now don't fail to ask him for I know he would be willing to get you anything you want. I think you can do better here in the way of clothes

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It may seem a long time a head but
it takes so long to get answers to letters.
I wish you would write to me. I have
had but two letters from you since
I left New York. it hardly seems
right. Why haven't you written? don't
you want to confide in me or
tell me how you are getting along
~~etc~~ I am sure I want you to feel
that you can write me anything. often
times when one feels a letter due or
a little worried if they can tell one
person they come feel better. now
write me and tell a little of your plans
and expectations. I want to do anything
I can for you so don't hesitate to ask
me. I wish you would send your
measures but I am afraid you will be
somewhat changed. I think I will have
Madame Figeuse just cut the waist
and arrange the trimmings so they

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ought to go and then you can have
it finished, at home I think that
will be the surest way. Miss Richmond
might send me your last measurements
though as it would be out of a guide.
I've left Naples last Friday evening
at 8 Brindisi by train and then by boat
to Corinthe and from there by train
to Athens. Yesterday we spent inside
the Acropolis. named temples. Mars
hill ~~etc~~ Everything in Athens is fresh
down and seems so new. They have
several minds here and it is dreadfully
dusky. Today we take a mule and
expedition I don't know just where. We
stay here until Saturday noon & then
we take the boat for Alexandria. I
was greatly disappointed that Father
failed to come. I got his news of the
trip to. And when I heard of your condition
Mr. Edison's illness and Father not well I
felt I ought return home at once and

telegraphed saying as I had about
made up mind to go but I thought
perhaps it would be better to find out
just how things were at home. Father
telegraphed back I should complete
my trip.

I am sorry you could not attend
Pete's wedding. I suppose though
you had a good time with them
at your home in the South. How
is Mame - I suppose she is happy with
you. Mrs. Studenaker said she looked
lousy at the wedding. I am much
obliged to you for getting the glass for
me. Mrs. J. said that the dishes and glass
were both beautiful. Lou had spoken
Anna's Mother was obliged to come on
for her and they return home in
April. Anna is not well enough to
travel. It was a great disappointment all
around. Love her very much. We
left them in Rome.

I will be glad to get home again⁷
and see you all. I wonder if you
will be glad to see me? You mother
or nearly so.

Love with me from - Tell Mame
to wish.

Love to all -

Joannie

Berlin May 8. 1887.

My dear Minna,

Your letter was received a
week ago upon our arrival at Vienna.
I did think you treated me rather
shabbily but when I know all you
have gone through with it surprises me
that there is anything left of you.
How often I have thought you would
wished I could help you but had
I been at home I presume I could
have done but little. I am glad Mr.
Edison is improving I hope he will
be quick well by the time he returns
to Glenmont. There will be your
turn my dear. I do hope all will
go well with you. I will try and write
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I'm a boy from Paris. I want to get
you a little coat a suit and check
if possible. I will send it by express
as I think that will be the quickest and
safest way. Now if there is anything
^{best} special, tell me and I will try to get
it for you. I don't just what to do about
dresses for you for I fear you will be
somewhat altered. I've haven't gotten
our mail this week and perhaps
there is something in it that will
give ^{me} some light on shopping we will
get it tomorrow. I thought of stopping a
day or two with you on my landing in
New York. I presume Mother will be
with you and then I will see you
together. I thought then if there was

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anything I could do I would gladly
do anything to help you. I presume you
and Mr. Edison are making great
plans for the little one and are very
happy about the thought of its coming.
You must not spoil it. I hope
you have not had a very hard time
either.

We are almost through the trip and
although we have had a good time I
will prefer to be home again. I think
we are quite as good friends as we were
when we left home. The Vincent has all
been very kind to me and I hope he has
very nice indeed. I like home just as well
as ever. Harry Shulton is engaged to Miss
Crown Alger. Did you ever meet her?
Mr. Shulton feels badly to have her go on
after as soon after he has college.

I suppose you know Anna Upton is ⁴engaged
to Mr. Feibiger. Mrs. Goodrich told me that
I saw Mrs. J. Margaret Hall, and that in
Virginia, and we went about some together.
So, we hope to meet them in ~~Massachusetts~~
again. Then George and his mother
go into Switzerland and Belgium
down the Rhine &c. I will go with Mrs. C.
for a day or two to Karlsbad and then
to Paris. I will join the Monte-Carlo
in London about the 5th or 6th. I gave
Mr. Paul for home the 18. I gave on
the Aquaria. Same ship we came on
on. He is now in England and then
goes to Sweden. We will not see him
again until we get back to London.
I will try to go shopping with some
people we met in the East so that
I will not be quite alone.

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We spent three or four days in Vienna. One day in
Prague and three days in Dresden and came
here last evening. Stayed until Thursday morning
and then, to Leipzig from there to Munich
arriving there Friday about two o'clock. We
will stay there three days then start for
Munich. George is a pretty good manager
in travelling and it will seem rather hard
to depend upon myself again. I wish
George would fancy Alice and do him
but I fear he won't. I don't think he cares
for any girl specially. I think he likes Alice
but she is not much older than him.
He told me he wished Alice could come
to Chateaugay and make it would in-
crease her. He thought we would all like
her and he thought Alice would. If
I could manage it I don't know but
what I would wish her what do you
think about it?
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Do you take the South?

We go to Potsdam tomorrow the summer residence of the Imperial family. It is a very beautiful place and I presume it won't be long as everything is in blossom and the foliage is all so fresh and green.

We went to a flower show yesterday morning in Dresden and they had a fine display of Agapanths - Rhododendrons - Orchids and Roses - also Hyacinths. The Roses do not come up to yours however. I presume they will be beautiful when I get there.

I wish you could be here often my dear but we will soon meet and then we can have a good visit face to face.

With love to all.

Very truly
Yours
Gladstone

Grand Hotel de la Paix, 12 Rue
Paris, May 9, 1897

My dear Mother,
Your letter is the only one I have
today and the only one I have from you. I think
it that I have had for three weeks. I think
they all are neglecting me. I am very anxious
& have some of the same. I am little
hiring me my satisfaction. I am in the first
letter my dear and only expectation for me
if you can find out don't tell me enough
about yourself. I don't know just the
time you are expecting the letter me. I hope
to receive some before the time comes. I have
happy you much to be happy for. I have
gladly to be with you at some time. I thought of
it. I am a mother and I am doing for me
to bring through the children to be but I have
decided if I can get it I will be for it
don't let me be happy and that will be
a great improvement. I hope I can receive
I will try to get you the little thing and
send it. 14-7650

I will get from a real show whether is the
latest style. Also a pretty face wrap I
can. I rather liked being in Paris alone
but I hope to meet some people whom we
met in Palestine and they tell me I
could go about with them. I will be
there two weeks then meet the Unaccustomed people
about the 5 of June.

We have had a rather a rainy time for the
past two days. We hope tomorrow
will be brighter as it seemed clear this
afternoon.

Mrs. Goodrich, Margaret Hall and Miss
Goodrich were visitors at Munich. We had
a good time together. We left them there
and went to Munich. They are there
Monday night. Tuesday night to Munich.
Wednesday night up the Rhine in the
rooms and in the afternoon returned
to Munich and took the train for Berlin.
Every thing had about up in Berlin
being a first class day but we

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down about the time for the four hours
while they always hope of the expense of the
city. The train is smaller of the city. Every
thing has a train upon it. From Berlin
we came to Berlin. I did not see any
four or five. I took a train visiting
Cologne. We then had dinner
and then got to the hotel. I did not
do not feel very well and not eat
for a week. I did not see any
I go up the Chamouge tomorrow in the
diligence and return Sunday. I did not
night. I take the train for Paris and in
Monday George and his mother go to Paris
and work there. I did not see any of the return
Brussels. I did not see any of them two
miles from Saturday but am not sure
it will depend upon my shipping.
Mr. V. Jauffer is on his way to Norway.
We have had a nice trip but I do not doubt
but what you will come some day
and have a much nicer one. I am sure
get Parker come in a year or two and you
Marie and Mr. Edson. Come with time. I

would be my fare indeed. I will
take care of your baby for you if you
will let me.

I am so glad Father and Mr. Edman are getting better. I feel very much worried about both of them. I was very glad that Mrs. Edman had you home all summer. It must be quite a relief to you in the condition you are in. I hope everything will be well with you and that the little one will give you all much joy.

Write me again

I have been thinking of you very much lately
 and wondering how you are getting on.
 I hope you are well and happy.
 I am well at present.
 I have been very busy lately.
 I have been thinking of you very much lately.
 I hope you are well and happy.
 I am well at present.
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HOTEL BINDA

11, Rue de l'Ecole (Avenue de l'Opéra)
PARIS



CHARLES BINDA Propriétaire

Paris, le

May 26, 1887.

Dear Miss,

I went this afternoon to see about your seal chain coat and ordered one for you a long velvet Mrs Williams says they like things to be worn this next season. It is to be made of the extra quality of chain and will cost \$40 dollars. Will you send a draft as I gave you my Mr. Jones. I will not have enough money. I will send you the bill when I get it. I am having a long garment made for myself of cloth it is principally for parties. I thought if you liked it you could get one just such as New York.

I have ordered from Madame Goussier a silk suit with wrap and blouse to match. It is a Celina suit. A foulard in an embroidered skirt. A medium shade of Cashmere. For Cambric. I am now thinking whether to get a party dress or not. I want one and yet keep it as I might to spend any more money.

I am getting a white dress also. Mrs. Pindar² to get a jacket. velvet and taylor suit. Your friend said if I saw you I would hear Charles and expressed regret for they will be soon very much just such. I will not get as expensive a dress for I will not want more common the more.

I came to Paris last Monday evening a left the Vincennes then in Geneva and reached all night arriving here Tuesday morning. I came on with a Mr. Hallin and wife of Mr. Hallin was a classmate of Marie Skelton's and Mrs. Hallin attended school of Skelton when the Sisters living girls were there. She was a Miss Peterson. She says she met you. You perhaps may not remember her and perhaps you will say have been going about with me since coming. They are very pleasant indeed. The Vincennes people are doing the Rhine country now and to Amsterdam and Brussels. I may meet them a week from Saturday on my way to London and I may wait for them the Monday or Tuesday after. If you are a very short time in Paris. I suppose you are busy getting your room furnished. Mother said you were getting that in order. I hope you are taking pleasure in fitting it up.

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If I saw you my dear I would have two beds ³
for you and me for the Edison in the same
room. I think it would be so much better for
you and now that you will be ill. It will
be a good time to start. I am sure though
you have your own ideas on the subject it
may be only a fancy with me and I only make
it as a suggestion. I will tell you when I see you.

I am getting several suits of undecorated. They
have nice borders. As the rest of mine are empty
and I will have some to keep a while.

It is quite cold and dull in Paris at all
like spring and everybody is dressed in wraps.
I thought we would go without wraps when I get
here.

I will let you know the exact cost of your coat
and send you the bill if that is all right.
I hope you will be pleased with it.

With ever as much love -

Jennie Miller.

"Oak Place"

Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Minnie.

It is a shame that I
have not written to you before. I had
such a nice visit at your home I think
I must enjoy being at your home
now. I got home all right stopping
at Chautauque from Sunday morning
until Wednesday. It was perfectly lovely
at Chautauque and indeed I could
have stayed a while. Mother was at
home when I got here. We have had
such marvellous weather ever since
I have been home. Almon is under
back.

I am glad you have a cook and that
you have gotten the back part of your
house cleaned and that you feel
as well satisfied. I wish I could see
what you have done. We were all as
glad to hear your letter this morning.
Mother said it did her good to get news from
you.

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Saturday was the Miller reunion at Cottage Grove. Father, Mother, Abund, Elsie, John, Therman and my youngest father and Mother with Mr. & Mrs. Young went in the little carriage and our children went in the wagon with it. It was a cold dull day not many were there but we enjoyed it. Margaret has grown so much she is getting to be quite a baby. Davidson called here Sunday. I have been over there once since getting home. Anna Skudabaker sent me such a pretty work bag made of ribbon it was blue & when I arrived they were now filling on the church painting etc. They are putting the study and parlor in one room or rather putting folding door between taking out the hall - they are going to put in a large fireplace which I think will be a great improvement. Mr. Young's day has until

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January then Mr. B. T. Vincent's come. I don't know whether or not like them or not. I hope or will. Aunt Alice is in Washington visiting perhaps she might surprise you a visit. I don't know as she is going to N. Y. though. I am thinking of going to Canton this week and spending a day or two with Robert & Louisa. We had such a nice letter from Mamie today she is quite well now although she has little children. She likes it very much. Miss Angel wants to come on this afternoon but as we seemed ready to go after her as she is to come tomorrow afternoon. I am sorry I could not have seen Mr. Edmonson before leaving you must remember me to him very kindly. The Cook is to stay until tomorrow. Mr. Marvin got home today and is coming over tonight. Mother sends her love to you all with love to me - soon. Her boy said Mrs. Toff stay. Love, Johnnie.

"Oak Place"

Nov. 9, 1857.

Dear Mina,

I send you real skin today. I am sure it is intended to be lower in front. I hope it will fit you well and that you and Mr. Edison will be pleased with it. I think it is very handsome.

The dress was a present did you not so understand it? The cost will not be quite four hundred. I sent on to New York for the draft and when it comes I will send the amount to Robert so he can pay it.
I rather think Mother will come on to see you and so

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sense. I hardly think Lou & Clara
will go as Clara thinks the baby too
young to take from Lou.

I hope you had a good time
at the reception, & would glad you
are to make a Lying in Society.

Remember me to all.

Ma is not going to do anything
for Christmas. I have a few things
I have kept to give them and that
is all I intended to do.

Will you all be on? We expect
Erie and Robert here and
want all of you to come on.

With love

Jennie.

Did you would tell them at
Albany's they have never sent

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that coat I bought there for
Mother. You have it was to be
sent with things to your home.
Mrs. Slack with kind regards
to us.

Jennie.

"Oak Place"

Jan. 18, 1888.

Dear Mina,

Mother is having a
^{sight} bad ~~hand~~ and cannot work as
I did work in her place. As
Lillian came yesterday. The first
place Monday night a spot
on the palm of her ^{hand} ~~hand~~ and
but a little she rubbed a
little but did not get up to look
at it as it was quite late and she
was in bed. She thought nothing
of it. In the morning she awoke
just as looking her a little but it
was so small on the palm it gave
to her it came apparently inches =

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cause. She must down stairs to
iron and was down an hour or
two. I heard her say nothing of
her hand until evening when Mr.
Morton called. She let him
look at her hand and told him
it pained her. He treated it
and differently and said it was
a blood blister. I then looked
at it and it had grown very
much since morning. After
supper and after dinner, Maria
had gone out to a company
at Mr. Fudley's. I asked mother
about her hand looked at it
and it seemed larger than the
day. It had run it. She put on
a different poultice. It is a

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green looking blister. She was
suffering with the pain and it
was going up her arm. I said I
was going to send for Dr. St. She
waited on my not doing it said
she wouldn't believe I said then
a little while and I couldn't rest.
She got almost ready for bed and
mother sitting in the sitting room
she asked me to read which I
tried to do but could not as I was
in the room suffering with her hand.
I got up immediately and then
phoned to Dr. Underwood it was
then about half past nine. Mr.
sent Dr. St. home. He was afraid
of exposing my eyes as there seemed
to be no cause for it. He put iodine

on it and then we kept hot
flap and footlice on it all night.
This morning she was no more and
he called and thought it had
come to the worst so that I have
felt easy today. I felt worried last
night. Mother has been sitting up
most of the day, she looks a short
nap this morning as she slept but
little last night. We have not
poultry on it today as that
we hope she will soon be better.

You need not worry about it if you
think it is getting ^{there} as it does not pain
her as much. The dr. said it was
not like the dangerous erysipelas
anyway. Father went to Buffalo
yesterday & attend the Clearwater
meeting today. Anna came yes
today noon. She disappointed us

last night. I don't know how long she
will stay. She goes to Philadelphia
from here. If she stays last
long morning I may go on and then
if you are feeling well enough we
can make you a short visit. It is
good if you to ask us to come. I
know Anna will enjoy it. She has
such a pretty bed I had not seen
tanned, with ribbons I think will
get one for this summer. I do have
any thing in mind for you. I
will send on the first come as
you can get it out. Perhaps if
I come I will visit and have it
go about the same time. Mother
wrote you to take care of yourself
and get rid of your cold. You
have Mrs. George Studabaker has
a little dog Anna says this
19-7655

a fine baby.

Mr. & Mrs. are going out on the parsonage
for a little sleep now as they
say sleeping is pretty good on
mattress sheet. Tonight there is
to be a concert at Columbia Hall
home talent. Mr. & Mrs. are going
if he is well.

Robert & Louise celebrate their
first wedding anniversary next
Wednesday evening. They are going
to have a reception. I suppose
you will be invited and wish
you were here to go. Mr. & Mrs.
are invited. The invitations were sent
out today. I think Miss
Gordon and Miss Hughes are
visiting there now and have been
all month. I suppose they are to

a month longer.

Mr. & Mrs. expect them all up Saturday
to spend the day.

Grace graduates a week from Friday
Jan. 27. I presume they will come
up then also.

It is very good of you to re-
member my birthday for your
remembrance ones hands only
Christmas. Mr. & Mrs. will be
home tomorrow. I believe. We go to
Cleveland tomorrow to see about
Grace's dress for the last time.
I hope it will be pretty. She is
worrying me the way
well as I am writing a long letter.
I think it is time to stop. I
suppose Mr. Edison will remem-
ber you very beautifully on your
anniversary as he gave you nothing

Christmas which surprised me
very much. I think a husband
ought to remember Christmas the
wedding anniversary and the
wife's birthday with a little some-
thing. Mr. Eliam ought to have
a scolding for not remembering
you with a present Christmas
and I wish you would tell
him so.

With ever so much love from
Mother and myself I am

Truly -

Yours

Your little sister and this morning
we are always glad to get your letters -
and Mother wishes she didn't hear
from you.

"Oak Place"

May 5-1888.

Dear Minna

Mamma is doing
very well. She got up this morning
long enough to have her bed made
and Sister thinks she is out of
the woods and if she remains in
bed and is quiet she will be better
in a few days. Just as soon as
she is well I intend to send
her to you for I think Mother
needs an entire change of climate.
She is counting up the days before you
will be sick - My dear Lolo hopes
everything will be all right and
you get along nicely.

Mother thinks if you can fit up
that little ~~American~~ Bureau it will

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It is much nicer than a basket -
you can have a little cushion
made to go between the little sides
drawers. Mother has the brush, comb,
glass, and powder box - you can
have pockets made to go at the
side for anything you might
want to put in there. Mother
thinks it would be more coming
and pretty.

I sent the crib yesterday before
Grace received your letter. Mother
intends to send these things on with
father.

You must be careful now and
not get as anxious as to our dear
Mother is getting along all right
and I think in a week or two

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She will be with you in no time
her to get pretty well before she
starts.

With a great deal of love
from us all I am
affectionately
Joanna -

Grace is going to Cleveland this
afternoon. I expect to go up Monday.

"Oak Place"

May 7, 1888.

Dear Nina,

I presume as the
time ^{draws} near you get more &
more anxious. I hope Mother will
be well enough to come to you
soon. She is getting better fast now.
She lay out on the lounge most
of the morning and sat up for
a short time. She often talks
about you. I think she would
like to stay at home with Conna
until you really need her and
then she wants to go to you. She
thinks you will want her more
after the nurse goes than you do
now and she thinks it makes
such a long time. I tell her
she must stay with you all
summer would you not like

to leave her! The little boys will be at Chautauque and you will not be able to leave home before Sept.

and I think it will do her so much good to be away for the summer and she does not care to go to Chautauque. We all must wait to come home in September when the girls return from Europe. You must plan to make us a long visit then and at Christmas time.

We must all spend Christmas at home next time.

I hope you received the box all right and that it pleases you. Robert was up Saturday afternoon to see Mother. Louis is about the house and must out for a walk on Sunday. Louis spent Sunday with them.

Margaret and Cora are both quite well. Margaret is getting to be quite cunning. She is her short clothes now.

Mother wished me to thank you for those rapphams. I think they are very nice to have dead.

Father I think will go to New York tomorrow if Mother keeps getting better and I think she is doing very nicely indeed.

With ever so much love from Mother and me

Love

Frankly -

James.

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"Oak Bluff"

Feb. 24, 1887

Dear Maria,

I was visiting in Canton
for two weeks past returned home
last evening. I didn't feel that I shall
leave home so suddenly when it was
not absolutely necessary. I will however
sail with Marion a week from
Wednesday if there is a good ship going
and of course I can go next Saturday
if it is hot. We can go on an
English ship the Cunard line if
there is not a good French ship
going. I will try to be ready

Marion really wants me to take her
down she. I had given up all
thought of going until I received
Your letter last Wednesday.

I will try to do the best I can
I rather dread leaving Mother ~~so~~
alone with the poor help we have but
it won't be for long. I wish you
would plan to come on here for
two or three weeks or longer she
will be perfectly happy. Think of
the little darling. I am anxious to see

her. I suppose she has forgotten all
about me by this time. If we sail
a week from Wednesday I will leave
home next from tomorrow. Don't
you think it would be best to send
me in the City instead of my
going to Orange. I suppose of course
you will get Marion's letter of credit
from Brown & Shipley. You will
get it from Brown Bros. I wanted
to tell you. In haste
Jennie.

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"Hotel Normandy"

Mar. 24. 1889.

Dear Minnie,

Well we are at last settled
very comfortably in this little hotel
very near "Boulevard". We went first
to the "Hotel Continental" as it is the
largest hotel in Paris and Mr.
Smith's people (whom we met on the
steamer) were going there and asked
us to go with them and as Maxine
wished to go we went for a few days.
We looked at Boulogne for rooms -
he changed from twenty to twenty-five
francs a day for those small rooms
we had for a number. ⁴⁻⁸⁰⁷⁹ ~~Chateau~~ they

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could not give pension rates nor
this hotel we pay about three
dollars and forty cents a day.
Everything included except for
this rate will only last until
the middle of April then every
thing goes up on account of the
exhibition. The girls are as well
as ever. We took dinner with them
the night we came last Sunday
they met us at the station.
Yesterday we took lunch with
them. I must wish them to their
music lesson and was pleased
to hear how sweetly they sang.

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They spend French very well. Lou
had when little with father about
their staying another year. They
feel that they ~~are~~ just ~~going~~
started now. They know Paris
better and they intend to pay but three
dollars a day next year for they can
get a cheaper apartment. They
are now in most expensiveness
of Paris but when they look the
apartment they did not know
there was so much difference.
They want to stay very much.
They say they are going to make
a great fuss when Mr. Edison when
he comes. From what they said they

intend to give dinner &c. Now don't⁴
you think it would be nice and
also a benefit to the girls to be of
your party while at least when you
are in Paris. It would be a great
opportunity for them and as they
speak french very well it would
be pleasant for you seems to me.
We were talking about it and I
told them to write and ask you
or tell you but they said no Miss
must write them on her own accord -
for fear you will not think of the
benefit it might be to the girls I mention
it. Of course you do as you please -
You will undoubtedly meet the ladies

people in France. they can⁵
stop at the same hotel with
you and when there is an
occasion when your party is in -
which they will be included how
it would ^{be} understood they are in your party.
As you are so fond of them I
thought you would want them to
have all the advantages possible

Now we are sitting in our room I
think we will get to sleep seeing
Marian is very anxious to go to Paris
I think it is almost too far and I
fear an expensive trip for us to take
We will go to Tours - and Rouen
for they are only two hours ride
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on the train from Paris. ⁶
We are getting along very nicely,
indeed. I like Marion very much
and I hope coming to Europe will not
spoil her. I wish our girls could go
with Mrs. Earl for a winter. Perhaps if
they don't stay next winter they can
come on the last winter Marion is
here and travel with them. Grace
if not Mame.

We had a good passage. Marion was
litter sick for a day or two. And we
had one rough day otherwise
the trip was perfect. Not any colder
than in December sometimes. Seamy

most any day on the whole it was a
brilliant voyage. Our state room
was very comfortable indeed. It was
not so close and warm as in summer
the table was excellent & splendid dinner.
We sat at the Captain's table and were
treated by everybody. I forgot to tell
Mother about the voyage and I
wish you would write it to her.

We are very well indeed - the girls
were to come in this evening but they
saw word they were too tired. They
are coming tomorrow to take us to
the Studio where Mame works.

With love as usual love
Jessie.

Hotel Victoria

Apt. Belgium June 18, 1889

My dear Marion

It seems from the demand
I made the letter to Marion the other day
(copy of which I think Marion sent to you)
made angry Miss Briggs and she
wrote me a letter asking me to make
up to her. I was sure I could do so
without. The remark was that I did not
think Miss Briggs had done right. The
letter I sent Marion was all about it
on the subject of writing a letter to
Miss Briggs apologizing for asking her
to come here. The reply to that was very
kind and wise. Since all this I hope
you might excuse me if not doing right
in leaving Marion in Paris without
writing to you about it. I do
not know as it was I do know Marion will

to let me see that I should have written.
I talked to Marion and said all I could
but she would remain and stay at the
Hotel. I wanted her to telegraph you but
she did not seem inclined to do so. You
I told Marion I would not be responsible
for her staying and she said all right.
Shepherds her yet Miss Brigham sent me
word of her through Mr. Eads. He did
not feel she was a good person and
would not have left Marion. She was
to stay in the ^{in Paris} ~~Hotel~~ and take her
to the place outside of Paris and the
for places. Marion had not come in the
city other was poor. I had taken her to
my place she would to escape the
poor and the cold and the poverty.
I would take her to the place outside
of Paris but the road was very

bad up to the time it was decided the
girls should come to Appa and then when
arrived on a train where we were
felt it would be all right for the
excursion as the girls so much the
in Paris. I did not know for
Marion and tried to have her see
thing. She, however, did not seem to have
much interest in seeing things. She
enjoyed shopping and dining in the
park. She did a great deal of shopping
for little while the last time she was
in Paris. I did not know Marion felt
to advise her about her shopping but she
would not listen until I was late
and then she regretted she had not
at the beginning. She had spent all of
the money up to that time and I left
and I pressure of the time it was more

I tried to do for Maria as I would for
a sister friend but I felt an interest in
her and for yours and Mr. Edwards
sister I tried to not be careful as much
as did for the effect her money or what
she did. I think I never tried harder to along
to kind and do what one wanted me to
do more than I have on this trip. I know
as well as any body I am not the most amiable
person that ever was but I think my
friends considered Maria and I got along very
well together and she has done me a wrong
when she says she was unhappy with me.
She often said she was happy with me
and thought on it along well. I think
Maria can be a very lovable girl. But
the moment you disagree with her she can
be very harsh and severe.

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I wish you however I feel I ought to restrain
my tongue in not writing you from your
doings or whether you write me or not.
Up to now I could not see it as Maria
brain saw it. Experience taught me a
great deal. I hope you will rebuke my
error and not blame me too much. When
my little Maria on three weeks ago she was
to join us here or in Brussels in four
days. Everything seemed the pleasantest
I could be true and she came to me and
in a telegram asking Mrs. Thompson if there
was nothing to come here or -

Mr. Hunt & as the doctor yesterday he says
Maria ought to remain and wants her to
stay at least three weeks longer. He is
looking for Mrs. Thompson. She was
to stay with Mary and David Bruce go
to Paris and get Bruce ready for change
as she then would be leaving. Please
be kind to do just before going home. Mr

felt she would ^{be} care time. Now since Mary
must stay there and: no any change and
Grace stay here and study with Mrs. Hunt-
Vernon and get ready for home the last
thing. When we made the former plan we
was coming on about ten days in Paris
and Mary ten days longer here. We have
telegraphed Mrs. Hunt-Vernon but have not
heard from her yet. It may and she could
come. I was planning on sailing for home
the 6th of July on the "Champagne" but
this prospect to be home by this time and
would I presume have. Willie felt she must
have the "economy" for herself.

We fully intended telegraphing dear
little Margaret in the 11th day
before of the night before and again
that night but it was time to take
for no answer. We missed it very
much. I know she looked about and
you all had you elegant time.
Mother has told come about in that

said you would write and tell us more. I look forward to
with a great deal of pleasure in helping to take of the little
things which you are over here. I hope you will have a good
time. I suppose they will show you and show a great deal of
attention in Paris. Do you expect the girls to be with you any in
Paris on travel with you? If you do, I would write to Mamma and
Mr. Grace I suppose will wait for them the first of April.
Most of the party off he stopping she will be obliged to be in
Paris from the middle of August any way. I'm sure you
have not written to us very much. Of course I appreciate all you

Love to do and know your time is well occupied I am sure
to me looks it. So long as I hear you full kindly towards me.
You are getting to be my joy. Our hotel is full up this week
up to last Friday there were but six persons with ourselves
We enjoyed the party. They a nice yard and a beautiful
agreeable garden and we enjoyed your about it seemed more
like the country.

With much love

Truly
Yours
John

Oak Place.

Aug. 7. 1889.

Dear Mina,

The little boys left yesterday with Mr. Pitt. They were very good while here and I think enjoyed their stay. They were then with Aunt's my afternoon as they played tennis and will get them cleaned again for Chautauque. We kept back some of their underclothes handkerchiefs and neckties. I guess they will be all right. We told Mr. Pitt to bring them here to meet Miss McWilliams the first of Sept. I don't know the day of the week but will look it up.

and if it comes so that it will bring
it in the middle of the week for them
to get to Chouinay as they had better
come the last of August here. When
you give directions we will have
to tell them I suppose. You have
forty dollars. I suppose that will
be enough.

Baby is as sweet as can be. She
calls Mother Mamma and seems
so fond of her. She has one of the
best memories I ever saw. When
Ira and Cora come over she immedi-
ately asks for the baby. She knows
your picture anywhere she sees it
and there are several other pictures
She calls Mamma. He told her
up the ones in Father's Mother's room
to him. She knows Thomas and

William and I think she will know
you when you return. She is as
bright and happy. She got up
Saturday night in the middle of the
room quite alone with not a thing to
hold to or near her and started off
to walk. I think she would walk
any room if she didn't get as excited
and was not so pleased over her progress.
Mother thinks she will not take her to
the Lake as she is doing as well at
home.

He received your letter from Sandy
too. Glad you got along as well with
everything. I think I will go to Chouinay
the last of this week or first of next. If
Baby is all right and Mother will
promise not to work any. She will
persist in nursing some more and I
told her yesterday she must not do
it any more. It is all nonsense.

She always will do whatever the ⁴income
is large or small. Anything is going on
nicely and I hope everything will be good
for you. I think if Maome keeps well
and wants to I would let her stay
to visit Italy. It is no telling when
she will go again. She may go soon
and she may not. I think I would
stay if she can have a good person.

I had a letter from Marion from
Edinburgh - She was well but said
nothing about joining you.

Love all well -

You must write us often
as possible - Let me know if Mr. Williams
and Colgate men on the ship.

With love to you all
Forever

Oak Place.

Dec. 11. 1889.

My dear Minnie,

I received your letter
Yesterday asking my opinion about
your coming. I certainly would
be greatly disappointed if you did
not come. I think we can arrange
every thing so all will be comfortable
and we want to have a good time. We
are not going to make any presents
whatsoever so don't you worry about
that. Father and Mother intend
giving John and Helen money
I think twenty five dollars each

and they intend to get tools as they need them. We are going to give each of the girls a brush and comb and hand glass I got them in Boston 1.42 each. Then I suppose a little money. We thought we would have a small Christmas tree for the children using the trimmings we had last Year. I suppose Margaret and Madeline will enjoy it this Year. Cora and her Mother are now at Cambridge a place between here and Chautauque

The water there are said to be very good. They had been there over a week on account of Margaret and I seem to think it is doing her good. They will be home next week I presume.

Will you buy for me a shawl for Mrs. Richards I promised to get her one when I went to Europe and I didn't so I thought I would give it Christmas. I think perhaps three dollars ought to buy a very good one. a blanket shawl I think a black one or dark grey. Will be ever so much obliged if you can get

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it for me and bring it when
you come. Don't think too much
of the rooms for I think you all
will be disappointed in them
for I am myself and I think
all of the family are not as pleased
as they would like to be but it is
mostly home work. I had nothing
say about the the painting of fire
place. The carpet also looks alone
but I think that is pretty if it will
only keep clean - and I think the
ceiling of rooms are very pretty.
If you have anything done you
must just stand over the workmen
in order to have it right. I hope things

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Oak Place.
When everything is together the rooms
will look well. We all have worked
on them and have tried to have
them right.
We will look for you all on Tuesday
Dec. twenty-fourth. But one must
fail to come. I am perfectly well
and think it would be pleasant
to have her come with Mame. I
don't know though how Grace
would like it. If she comes she can
room with Mame and Grace room
with me. Edmund didn't seem to
want her but he will be there and
can speak for himself.
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Louis is not at all well and hasn't been this week he was on the lounge yesterday and today he is in bed. Dr. thinks it is malaria. Poor boy he hasn't been well for some days. I hope he will be better soon.

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Mr. Koenig was here for dinner today. I don't know whether he will stay tonight or not.

With love as much love —
Jennie.

We are looking forward to having dear little Madeline with us again. I wonder if she will remember things and know any one.

Mother was saying this morning she must get the crib ready. I wonder is ready also the boys if no one comes to sleep before Christmas.

"Oak Place"

Sept. 21, 1890.

My dear Minna,

I received your letter
last Wednesday the day after
I sent little Madeline home.
I would gladly have gone with
her had I known you'd like
to have me. We missed the
darling and do still. She is
so bright and active. I want
her to go with Mrs. Long
as it was so uncertain about
Father's going and she would

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He has got had she waited
for him. Of course I could have
gone and would have done
so had I he received your
letter sooner and we would
have left Melbourne longer
too. I am glad the journey
did not make her ill. It seems
awful to have them delayed
so long.

Thank you very much for asking
me to visit you and I will
whenever you are ready to have
me. I must though to get the

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girl question settled before
going away. We have two girls
now if they will only be content
and stay. They are from near
Philadelphia girls and are
inclined to be comedians. I
hope through in a day or two
they will feel better.

Mr. Maroon came home the
other day and told us about
Mamie's experience losing
Alma. I am glad the boys
started so well and hope
everything will be all right.

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I may go on Sat with Grace
but am not sure. If I come
stay, I don't think I will go
until later. I thought I would
like to talk about Thanksgiving
time. Aunt Alice has asked
me to make her visit and
I would like to go. We might
go down there together for
a few days.

Don't you think you ought to
try to come home Christmas?
I think it would be nice if you
would come home early and

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then the boys could come
here directly from school.
I don't think there are many
Christmases for us to get together
and while we can I think we ought
to see them all.

With ever so much love —
Love affectionately,
Fannie.

1027 New Hampshire Ave.

Washington D. C.

Oct. 8. 1890

M.

Dear Friend,

When I got word that
you had given up going home
for Christmas I thought I should
spend a few days longer here. I
don't know what the family have
planned for Christmas now - so I
think I will stay in the town until
near the time. I thought I would
go to New York on Friday
and not go to Newark and then
Thomas meet me there. But is
it? I wish you would let me
know if I can do that day and
then when I start I will telegraph
you. It has been raining very
hard this morning and the ground
is white and I think a high wind
is near.

I suppose you said a word
about Mr. George Washington
it seems very sudden and dark.
I don't like would like to know
if it is imminent wish me that
she has a cousin visiting here
and that it, she felt it is best
to wait until sometime later
I am sorry. I was in hopes she
would go.

I am anxious to see you all.
This will be my sick week so I
will have to be rather quiet but
I guess you won't mind.

Now let me hear whether I shall
later get off at New ark. or go

on through to New York. I hope
if it was a fine day you would
like the drive but if it is not
that I must see there it will be
all right so that I know before
hand.

Write me as much love -
Jessica Miller

"Ode. Place"

Jan. 11. 1891

My Dear Minna,

It dawned upon me
Yesterday that I had not
written you since my return
home or since I had received
that very pretty lamp from
you. You should not have
given me such an expensive
a gift. I never thought of you
getting any thing when I expressed
my admiration for one. It is
very pretty indeed and I thank
you very much for it.

My visit at your home was

Very enjoyable and I had a
good time - I was pleased to be
with you. I hope I gave you
no many impressions or expressed
myself in such a way as will
make you any trouble about
settling your work. Mother
thinks you won't like it to have
all your girl help with the
ironing - She thinks you will
have to let the other work go
for one day at least. Of
course when it comes to cutting
down rag things one hardly
knows how to begin.

The American Harrow Co.
has fallen through - It was
illegal - Fashen is to go to
N. Y. tomorrow and he will
tell you all about it. We
are obliged to can and
try to hire ride less. It seems
too bad for now Fashen will
have to work very hard - for
there is such a strife in
the morn and Reeper business.
We will hope for better times but I
am afraid it will be hard on Fashen.
Mr. Coger feels very badly indeed.
I had a note from Anne Shallock
and she expects to visit you. - 6675

Cora and Margaret have
sick most of this week they
are getting better now though.

It is a very dark and rainy
day. Agnes and I will continue
to live in Abasco.

How are those dear little
babies - they are such lovely
children.

Remind me to Thomas and
William. How do we stand on
Christmas things. I took as a
present to Edmund from me that
melted clasp but you may not
be willing to let me have it. I
also give him that pin stand

He seemed pleased with the
clasp so if you want it to go
as your present I will tell
him it is from you.

That stamp case I left with
you you may change I will also
send that little tin with case
and you may let them go toward
a set of silver soup spoons.
You might give some also -
Of course we cannot get any
thing very heavy and they must
be rather plain.

I asked Mary to get a count
tray for me to give Aunt Abasco

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tell her not to get it now I
cannot afford to do get it
now.

We cannot take Lizzie. Any way
I don't think she would be con-
tented here and I should
hardly feel like having her
come from your house as
everything is so different -
With our and our so much
love to you and Mame and
the babies - Mr. Edison and the
boys. I hope Mr. Edison's business
occurs brighter.

Sincerely
Joanie.



Hotel Normandie, N.Y. Nov. 23, 1892

My dear Misses.

We were very sorry to miss you this evening we came in soon after you left. Mr. Smith & Altman's rights after you saw this even. then went to the millinery. also ordered my shippers.

Altman's are going to call for a block with which which is in Mary's trunk will you give it to them I am going to get a tanned one to go with my suit instead of the black.

Will Mrs. Edman go with you shopping. we would have been glad to go with you had you wished. I go to Miss Sturges tomorrow afternoon for my second fittings wish you might see the dress. May be you can be here when I try them again.

I liked Mrs. Banner she is going to
get me up some hats. I took one of
those large bygone hats she had
the one in pink smells and runs.

I hope you got a good girl today.
It will keep you pretty busy getting
ready for Mission and getting ready
to go home. I hope Maria's coming
will not interfere with your going
home. Mission can come to the
house going to send her an invitation
at any rate. She may not feel like
coming -
With love as much love -

James -



"Cath. Place"

Jan 29. 1893.

My dear Mina,

Your letter written in
section was very interesting and
we long for another. I am so
glad you had such a nice
first visit Aunt Emily and I
wish you could have her visit you
very often. She has had so much
trouble herself that she can help
one over there and then she is
so entertaining in literary line
that she is a help. She wrote me
a letter after getting home and
I will enclose the part she spoke
about you which we all think
very nice and join correct.

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Our home life has been very
quiet but very pleasant since
Christmas. We missed you
all very much and not often
wish we could have you back
again. The little Madelon
and Charles are such a delight
always doing or saying something
new. We have been to several
afternoon receptions. We were in-
vited to Susan Phillips wedding
but Mr. Mc. Richard, and I did
not go. Father was in Pittsburg
as Mother didn't care to go and
I wasn't well that day and Richard
Murray and the boys went and had
a pleasant time. Richard and
I have been turned out several

times in the evening but have
gone to Mrs. Trice - once to Miss
McClure for tea and then
last Friday evening Father, Mother,
Richard and I were at Mr.
McGregor to an evening company.
We have had quite a scare on some
poor but I guess they have it under
control now. There have been and
now comes this poor Irish but all
in questioned houses. After this
Irish if there are no more comes
outside we are safe.
Father starts this evening for
Nashville Tenn. and then
may go on to Florida for a short
time. It will do him good I
hope. He seems pretty well.

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Mother is feeling pretty well too
I think and hope she will get
through the winter without accid-
ents I think every time she is
ill she gets her strength.

Mary may come on to you this
week but I am not sure. She
feels she wants to earn her money
and it tempts her so when she
goes to see you to spend her money.
It is not just the season now to
buy as she may not be tempted so
much this time. She is thinking
about it quite anxiously. I think
she ought to go all she this
winter for next winter it may not
be so easy if I go to hunting.
I hardly know yet when the money
will be furnished. They have the

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money in yet. but will have
it in a week or two.

Will it disturb Thomas. I seem
to feel he would not go to school -
same day he will report it.
I wouldn't worry me if I saw you
you have done all you could and
if Mr. Edison felt it is all right
for him to go to Oxford you are not
to blame for it. I should think
if either Mary or you said about
spending his money when their father
dies - it is the last place he
should have gone. Every boy & girl
that ever wants to stop school
or gets discouraged about his
studies and after a little
while things get better and he
doesn't feel he knows that well
things. Thomas should have been
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studying, I've had been obliged
to get a tutor for him. I think you
are not in the family I am
sure - The son and John says
William seems quite happy and
is doing very well -

Richard goes West next week
to be gone two weeks or more &
expect to meet him in Chicago
on his return if the weather is
good and spend a day about
looking about the exhibition
buildings -

Our snow is about all gone
We had fine sleighing for
four or five weeks.

How about Sarah? Have you

any one in her place?

Write to me when you can and
hope you are having a good time
Mary no doubt will be with you
this week sometime -

With ever as much love -

James -

Richard sends love. He is
lying on the lounge in our
room -

The B. F. Goodrich Co.

Akron Rubber Works,

Akron, O.

Dec 18th 1895

Dear Ellen

James leaves to-morrow noon for the East via Erie road. I hope to spend Sunday under your hospitable roof of a precious boy on -

I want very much for you to do me a favor which I will greatly appreciate - I want James to have some pictures taken at the place where you and the little girls had theirs - on 5th Ave I think - I want one large one same style as May's & Helen's and some get the smaller ones like yours - She has promised to do it if you will go with her - Will you insist upon her going? I will give you a brand new dollar if you will get her to take her picture there and will be under no lasting obligation to you.

James would have gone to-day but Eliza was taken sick Sunday & has been under the doctors care, and her mother her niece (Eliza's) died so the poor girl is all upset.

James is best thing for shopping for her self so we can have a day or two together and do our Bronx shopping -

Will you give a sufficient time to her - We are not in it.

With love to all.

Off
Richard



D. 16th 1895

Dear Mina

I sent two pairs of skates
by me yesterday, one pair for Modeline (with 25c
shop) one pair for Charles. They are the ones that
made. I got them at Rich & Snyder's, Nassau St.
or if you want to change them any time
you can. Tell Charles I always kept my nose.
I want you to come in to-night sitting next
us. I am going to Phil Brown & will
come back to change sitting until Thursday
morning. I will go home at 2³⁰ Thursday
to come - Jan is out shopping. Joe is in
Lunch with us -

Off
P
Richard

The B. F. Goodrich Co.
Akron Rubber Works.

Akron, O. October 9, 1896.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Saml to Amuse

My Dear Edison,-

I have taken the liberty of giving Mr. C. H. Gray of London a letter of introduction to you, and I presume he will call upon you some day while he is in and about New York. He is largely interested in the manufacture of rubber goods and telegraph cables. He has been here a week or so with us and we are all very much pleased with him. He is a gentleman in every way, lots of brains and awfully good-natured; can appreciate a good story and tell one. I hope that you will give him a little of your time. He will not bore you. Should Mrs. Gray be with him, I would like very much that Mina meet her. I do not very often bother you with letters of introduction, but I cannot but feel that in Mr. Gray you will find a genial gentleman. His concern makes most of the ocean, telegraph cables that are laid, and I think now he has a large contract for the cable which is to go from America to the Sandwich Islands.

Jane is doing nicely. She has been out riding twice this week and is going again to-day. She does not gain strength as

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Akron, O.

fast as we might wish, but is doing far better than we had reason
to expect. She enjoys the rides and soon expects to spend a day
at Oak Place.

With best wishes for you all, I am

Yours,

Richard P. Marvin

Portage Path, Perkins Hill.

Friday Nov. 20. 1896.

My dear Minna

I have received
for the four letters with sam-
ples and thank you very
much indeed. I haven't made
up my mind about the
craft but will in a few days.

About the four for the
girls I will gladly join you
in getting them. I think
as you do that the four
Younger ones with R. H. L.
are the ones we should

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give to mostly. I intend
to do so. The girls need
something right away to
wear and I thought you
got them each something
in fur for me to purchase
and then for Christmas I
intended to give them
money. So you do what
is best in fur and I
will give half toward
them. I think a good
fur would be best and
something they could use
at any time I thought of
a collar as that would

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come over their shoulders
more. For Mother I intend
to have her get her seal
skin made to be comfortable
and get her some glasses
I want her and Marion to
go to Cleveland with Richard
someday soon. I think for
John and Theodore we will
get them each an overcoat
from Humm or give them
money. I thought of buying
their East-Prater East it
would be a good chance
for them to get an overcoat
but it may be they would
rather wait another year.

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I wish you would find out
if you can. Perhaps I guess

We will give each twenty dollars
I mean Mary & Louise and Tony
& Robert. and each of the
children five. May get in
some wifing toys for the
day only. Most of our gifts
will be money as I can't get
out and Richard will have
to do most of the shipping.

Our Christmas will be quiet
in a way but I guess we will
have a good time any way
I don't know whether Charles &
May Goodrich are going & he
has or not they talk some of going
again.

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Portage Path, Perkins Hill.

How do you like your new coat
it seems hard to part with
an old servant and such a
faithful one as Katie. Now
she is not going to Ireland!
Mrs. Minna if it is not too much
trouble would you be kind
enough to look at some
pictures for me something a
little dainty but comfortable
do you remember the blue
one Mary and I have or the
one you were going to get but didn't
because it was too much soiled
will something in that order.

or if they pretty sick can⁶
live so that they will
be more I would mind
that. I need something very
much of that kind as I
can't wear my dresses yet
so I can not stand anything
tight anything must show
I thought possibly you could
get Altman or Asselst
Constables to send me
some on approval. I will
want about forty best.
I would be very much obliged
to you. I am sorry to trouble
you so much. Adieu Maria

Have you those shoes I⁷
bought you at Charleston
yes if so will you forward
send them to me. I will
have Madame Bonnet do
you night dress and will
return that to you also the
gold pin.
I go out twice a day for
a drive and general
call to see Mother once
a day. They seem very
easily frightened at home
since they closed the parlour
and some of the rooms. I
don't know what we are
going to do for Thanksgiving.

Richard did talk of going to
Mrs. Garrison's but is not
certain if ^{he} goes East he will
spend a day or two in N. Y.
and will see you if it is
quite uncertain. I think
it will do him good to get a
way for a few days, as he has
worried so much and hasn't
been very well in them.

Well, I guess I must close
Yours; ~~but~~ is that cake for
jelly to be taken that you sent
to me. it is ~~more~~ for me
is it not? My cook used
to eat it as a dessert and
I thought if you & he put some
cold meat.
With love to all Affectionately,
Sam.

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES
CORRESPONDENCE BY JOHN V. MILLER



Albion O. Sept. 12, 1856.

Dear Sister,

I thought I would
write to you and see how
you and all are getting
along. Did you get home
already and happy and
older was I sure was since
and did we have a nice ride
won't hope she did. How are
Thomas figures getting along
and how is he, has William
got home yet and why didn't
he come here. I wish he did
because I would like to see
him. Every thing is all right.
the alligators are still fat and

growing they are making a
 place for trees and animals.
 will you send us. When is Pop
 coming home and when are
 you coming, where is Bob now.
 I suppose he is with Miss Eg.
 It has been raining here but
 now it is clearing up. The
 railroad is almost closed. I
 guess the track will go in-
 under the bridge. I suppose
 Jennie is across the valley
 wonder if she was sick and
 now Mrs. Vincent's stood do
 well I guess I will close.

Good by.

John.

P.S. Hamma and all are well
 and happy hoping you are
 also Hamma is going to write
 to you, Jennie and Hamie.



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Akron, O. Oct 22, 1875

Dear Sister,

I guess I will
write and tell you how every
thing is here and how
things are their all hope this
all write, every thing is all
write and happy the trees
are beautiful. The weather
is nice all except to the
sky which is cloudy.
Ed went out Thursday
he was happy and all write
he had a nice car. The
train was about a hour and a
half late. Grace went to
Akron Thursday and went

to the glass window and came home on the same train that Ed. went away on, that night. Miss Will's green home turned down it was just before Ed. went, so, Thel. and I went to it. I came home before we did so he rode down to the train and when we came home they had gone so we walk down we had about ten minutes more or we got there sometime. Tell Thomas and William that our alligators are so fat that they can't hardly get around, they are growing very fast. Will you take the Gouthrie's companion if you will tell us because we want a new engine and if we get the name we can

get one, and don't forget that music. Well I guess I will close. Love to all with soon mamma sends her love.
John.

P.S. If I don't see you again hello. Oh say your house is ~~turning~~ falling down.

P.P.S. That is all.

This is the kind of people down south.



This is from John
not it is from the picture
above.

FAMILY RECORDS SERIES
CORRESPONDENCE BY LEWIS A. MILLER



Apr. 8 1889

Dear Sister Minna

Since we received your last letter stating that you and Thomas expected to go abroad in August I have been thinking of joining you and go with you. I wanted to see if you and Thomas will be willing to have me in your party.

Of course I expect to pay my own way. I have been wanting to get away from Akron for two or three months for some time. If I can go with you I think the time and money will not be thrown away. Of course Mr. Edison will be received every where, but I can not expect to go with him every where, but there will be lots of places I can go, that is

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just what I want. I do not know when there will be another chance like this. So if you both are willing that I should go with you, please let me know. It is all right at home as I can get away from the office. I would like to be out there on the thirtieth, but would rather go abroad.

George Vincent is to be married soon. I will tell you more about it another time as I do not know much myself.

With Hoping you all are well I remain
P.S. (Remind me to
Thank you)

Your Aff. Bro,
L. E. Miller

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FAMILY RECORDS SERIES
CORRESPONDENCE BY MARY E. MILLER

Rome, Nov. 17, '89.

My Dear sister Maria

I was very
glad to get your letter and
had looked for it long before.
I am very anxious to get
home to see your Darling and
I hope you will talk to her
a little for me so she will
love me a little when I come.
You must go home Xmas I
think everybody of our family
will be there and it would be
so bad to spoil our reunion.
How lovely that Robert has
Uncle Jacob's house. I think
that it was lovely in Aunt
Alice to do so much for

Robert and Louise do not you?
I suppose you will invite
Alice to pass some time
at your home now.

When you ask me about
Marion, will I have seen
Miss Brigham and had
a good talk with her and
she thinks it will be best
to leave Marion here. Marion
wants very much to stay
and I think myself that
that is the best thing to do.

But I would surely give
to Mrs. Earl all authority
over Marion in regard
to all things for I do not

think, nor does Miss Brigham
know that Marion knows
the best thing to do for
herself nor does she always
do the right thing - I if
I saw you I should have
Miss Earl fully understand
that her word is to be laid
with Marion and I then
think Miss Brigham
will improve and will be
more contented in every-
thing. I have so much to
tell you on this subject but
it is always hard to write - I
think Miss Brigham does
her best for Marion and so

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very conspicuous about
the work but she says
Marion is not interested
in what she sees and
does not appreciate it in
the least. She is anxious
for the time when they
settle down. Marion feels
badly to think you do not
write to her of ten and
Aline. I would write to her
often for I am sure your
letters and your advice
have more weight than
you or any of us think
with Marion. She seemed
very much pleased when

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I told her of the para-
glasses although they have
not put in an appearance.
It seems she has not given
him address at the bank
in Paris since she left so
the glasses must be still
there.

Aline has not written
me as you thought she
would. It was probably a
little thing and she forgot
about it. Before she finished
asking you my address.

I have any amount of
messages to you from

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Marion and Miss Brigham
ask I will save those for
you to tell when I get home.

I don't worry about my
room, Minna, it will be
very pretty I am sure because
Mamma and Papa have
done it for me I will be
perfectly contented with it
no matter how it is. —

Remind her now to Miss
William and give my love
to all the family. I am
sorry that Mademoiselle
does not enjoy it at your
home but I think her very

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discourteous to show it —
Remind her now to her and
tell her she has no rival in
me as far as Mr. Hammer
is concerned. I suppose
Marion told her that to
make her forget Mr. H —
knowing that she liked
him so much and that he
does not care for her. Mine
too must not be forgotten.
I hope she is happy and
teaches that dear little babe
good french. How cunning
the baby must be I am
very anxious to see her and
you all — Your loving sister
Mary

Rome Nov. 22 1891.

My dear Minnie,

I am so
provoked with that girl
that is with you. I am
just going to write you
a note immediately to
tell you to send her back
with Mrs. Earle. She is
doing nothing to you and you
can just tell her that
you had going home for
Xmas and you can't have
her alone there and not

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and what is the use of missing the
my, and such a good excuse.
I would not worry about Alice. I
think she is alright. She has written
me nothing bad & I don't think she will
want to go with me. I will tell you
every thing she says if she says any thing.
Mama don't tell any body this but I

you, take advantage of this
portunity to send her
home with the Lady that
is to be with your
daughters. I would not
be plunged to death by
anyone who invited her
self as she did not want
of her date in the back
to tell the plan. Don't go
home with Mrs. Earl. You
may not have an other
occasion for some time.

Do so want to tell you and since you tell⁴
me every thing I think you will let me
tell you. I want Madame Recelle to go home
with me to stay I mean she loves me really
Mama and I love her and she will go
for forty a month and is a companion
for one and teach the (little) boys french
or german. Do you think it will be abso-
lutely impossible? It is only if you

to ask her to go to your home⁵
when we arrive and she
appreciates your kindness.
and you will probably see
our two happy faces (for we
are happy) presented at your
door the 2, 3rd or 2nd & I'll tell
her that it is very kind
of you and that she should
love to go to you.

Mamie Gray here and
has left now for Milan
etc. She seems very anxious
for this time to come to
sit down with Mrs. Earl.

Yours friend Don't worry I am too glad
to go a stage and glad you were Melle C.
We will have a pleasant Xmas nothing
would on it's my home coming. Both have
for the world tell any one I tell it you
in comfort and check it must know
now. Yes, James Alice must know the one & her
no much from home.

Write to me of love. I got the
heads pleased by the paper. Mary & Alice

She gave me lots of messages
for you and her Papa
which I will tell you
upon arriving -

Now good bye. Do not
worry about things and
be sure to send Melle home
with Mrs Eak whether she
wants to or not. Don't miss
that chance. Think a little
about my plan with Melle C.
and they can give me that
as a Xmas present. I shall
be as happy as a lark as



Spa, 12, '89.

My dear Minnie,

It has been a long time since you wrote me and I am ashamed to think I have not answered but we have been in such a state that it was almost impossible to find time to do every thing that had to be done.

I am afraid that I am doing something that will make you all feel pretty badly but it is something that seems me must be done. I don't think you will be very much surprised when I tell you that is on account of Marion. It is very hard. To

write this but you and Mr. Edison
will forgive me if I should tell
some things a little strong for it
is all done in the best interests.
Marion surprised herself that she
never liked me she told me
so but she says that she thinks
I made such a good hit in getting
her over here that she will forgive
me a great many things, this
summer, that she told Grace.
Then while we were in Paris she
did not like it if Jennie came
up to see us, why, I don't know.
She did not like it if Grace and
I went down to the hotel to see
them. In fact she wanted Jennie
to be alone with her I see no other
cause for her actions.

Several times we have asked her
to do little things that would
accommodate us, such now
when we came to Spa, Madame
had taken the apartments till the
end of May and as the Doctor said
that I should leave the twentieth

of May for Spa, we wanted Marion³
to go to the apartments and stay
with Grace and Madame until
till the end of the month and
then join us, as neither Marion nor
Grace wanted to leave Paris at
that time. So, Marion would not
do it. she said she did not like
"pensions" when you know at first
she was to come directly to us at
the apartments. This made me
provoked but I said nothing we
had to stay longer or pay for the
apartment and have no use of
it. well we stayed until the twenty
seventh.

Then Marion wouldn't go to Spa
so nothing would induce her to
join us as you planned she should.
she took a lady (whom of course
is very nice and whom Jennie
got for her through Miss Carle) and
stayed in Paris. This lady had
no power to say that Marion
should not do this or that but every
thing Marion wanted to do she
only should do. Perhaps Marion

has been all night in Paris as to that of course we can know nothing except from one letter that she wrote where she says she is having an elegant time. I guess she is all right there for Miss Brigham seemed to be a very nice person although I cannot judge having seen her only once.

Well, mine, since Grace has decided to go to Italy next fall she has to go to Paris to get things arranged. We thought that if Miss Brigham was willing she might come and stay with me here at Spa while Johnnie and Grace join Marion in Paris. Well now do you suppose Marion answers. She says "she has no command over Miss B. and even if Miss B. would join me she (Marion) had made her plans to go to London and she didn't care to change them" that is just the words she used and it has just put the climax to all her other actions. I don't think either you or Mr. Edie



would call upon Grace and myself to still hold out our invitation to Marion to travel with us this summer. Now the first place, Marion does not seem to want us around she says she is in Europe and I think that is all she cares now. The sooner we tell her that she will not feel hurt if she does not want to travel with us the more she will be thankful that we release her.

She says everything is changed since we are not going to have Mademoiselle for the summer she now thinks that she is not joining us anymore and has no obligations towards us.

Dear mine, I am not very strong and I think that it is almost impossible for me to risk having Marion with us as I know we could not agree as she says we never have

and I am not changed I am still the lovely Mary Miller that I used to be only now trouble makes me ill whereas before I could fight as well as any one. I could not stand the little annoyances that would naturally come up between us seeing me feel as we do. I do not even myself I know I am not a favorite with people and I do not blame Marion for not liking me but I do blame her for coming here saying she liked me and then find out she don't. You know I never disliked Marion she used to make me cross but that comes to everybody but she says she never did care for me so I think it would be better if plans were changed.

About Marion staying here next year, Nina, I feel that I ought to tell you what I think. If you don't care to have her stay but to go out then I think you could leave her home but if she were my child I should

leave her so far away from home. She does not care a cent to study she would not learn French while in Paris so as not to speak English in the summer while we were traveling. You know this is what we expect when she came that she should learn French so as not to interrupt our studies but no, she would not do it. And she would not if she travelled with us this summer speaks anything but English and you know Grace and I are trying to learn the language. Miss Earl does not seem to me not to promise to be the person for Marion of course perhaps you know her better since you make your plans by letter and have a clear understanding what is to be done. I think if Marion had finished her studies and was going to travel simply Miss Earl would be just the person but Nina you cannot imagine how people get and flatter her and it is just spoiling her and I think Miss Earl would have very little say

and you and Mr. Edison being so far away you would have very little.

Jennie has not written you because she thought that you all would say it is Jennie, she always has some fault to find but mine I think Jennie has been very very nice to Marion since her and Marion has done very little but just fault with her. Perhaps it makes no difference but I will tell what happened on the boat and you can judge for yourselves. There was a young man on the boat that had paid Marion a great deal of attention Jennie did not think any thing about it till one day Marion was sea sick and had to stay in her state room Jennie told her she would feel better upstairs but she thought not. Along in the afternoon a Mr. Smith came and told Jennie that this young man was in Marion's state

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staterooms Jennie was very much astonished and went down to see and there Marion was dressing and the young man was waiting outside. Jennie gave him to understand she would take him upstairs as it seems it was the young man that asked her to get up and that he had been in the room several times that day. There were several who noticed this thing and for that reason this Mr. Smith and his wife took Jennie and Marion under their care and Mr. Smith told the young man he should leave Marion alone.

She has written you I suppose from London. Jennie telegraphed this morning that Marion could
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not go to London without hearing
from you but we all thought it
best she should not go there because
that Mr. Verity lives there and
Miss Marion is almost wild
about him - After you gave her
permission to send her card he
wrote her a letter asking her to
make a visit to his sister. Marion
jumped up and was really
wild for a minute of course.
Jennie said she could not accept
such an invitation but she wrote
back and found out that he
would be in Paris White-tide
then she would not leave Paris
and I don't know whether he went
to Paris or not but now she wants
to go to London - and as she doesn't
care a snap for really seeing things
I judge she goes to London for
very different reasons.

I think to you ought to know
how she is spending her money.
When she came she was to get
one dress for the summer and
that for traveling would be a great

plenty well she got a dress but
such a dress it is heliotrope with
deep band and edging around
the bottom. It is a very pretty dress
but not for what she wanted and
after it was finished it didn't suit
her so she bought another. Jennie
advised her about that dress but
Marion would hear no advice.
Then she bought a blue frock
with large white stripe on it
but when it was half done she found
it hideous and said she wouldn't
take it - Then her hats - she has
bought three great, immense
hats which she does not like -
She would buy one, didn't like it
so bought another - Of course Miss
you may not think me for telling
you all this but I think that Marion
is so far from you and you hear
nothing of her except what she writes.
That perhaps if you knew how things
really are with her you would change
your plans for the next year and
take her home. Why! Marion herself
says that Europe is not the place
for her yet. She will never study

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here in the world and that is not all
she and you say she wants to
do.

Miss, when you come you can
see for yourselves how things are but
I thought to wait till you come
you would have settled all plans
with this Earl and I really think
Dorset is not the place for a
young girl of Maria's disposition.
I look no all right for Maria
as Mr. Elton may think but this goes
to you in the best of intentions.

Well, dear Miss, you must be tired
reading such a letter I wish I
could tell you something a little
more cheering now. But Spa is
such a quiet place, as yet that
there is nothing to tell. Perhaps
Anna Barber and her Mother
will come to Spa I hope they
will for I am getting kind of
tired of the place but the doctor
says he wants to keep me there
or three weeks longer than was
expected. Give my love to all. Do
you say Maria is back? and did she

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My dear Maria,
In continuation
of my last letter to reassure
you that Europe is no place
for Marion. Justice has just
received an answer to the
telegram that I told you about.
Saying Marion must not go
to London until she has permission
from home. It was really
true and myself that told
Justice to send the message as
we feared how wild Marion was
over the matter when he was there
and as though and Justice thought
that Marion ought not to go
there with a stranger (Miss Wigham)
the Christian to anything and
worrying she chooses Justice
would not let her go at all
but we told her she ought to
that you and Mr. Esau could
so far away you surely could

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not see how things were with Marion. We did not know then that she had written you to ask

There is no occasion for Marion saying she was unhappy, only Jimmie and she does in this letter that I am going to enclose to you. Jimmie was very kind to Marion and the first few weeks did nothing for herself but tried to help Marion (which eventually appears to have been a bore to her) and of a help. Then Jimmie went to Toronto place then they had a horrible one time when we were altogether at the Hotel Continental. Marion who came seated at the table and put her foot up right there in the dining room and asked Jimmie to tie it. Well Jimmie

didn't say a word but didn't tie it. She then Marion made a horrid scene and felt the next day it was all over. Another time when they came back from Iowa no more to see Marion the evening and when we had gone Marion went to Jimmie (or more expecting to go to the hotel and stay with Marionville as we did to do with the girls) "Well if I'll come, I'll come Jimmie you needn't play hard on Jimmie" said "well I have to stop to see you settled. I guess you don't want the guests gone. Marion said "Well I won't be very happy if they do come." Jimmie said "Well, Marion, if you feel that way towards the girls I don't see how you can stand with them and I would rather you wouldn't go for I don't think you will have a very happy

I will also enclose the letter that James wrote in explanation of his telegram. I believe, and you can easily see that James was right.

We parted on the very best
fishing Marion gave Jennie a
large bunch of flowers and every
thing was nice. She must have
asked you about her England trip
the Saturday after we left under
Miss Brigham's influence for
Miss Brigham also wrote a very
funny letter to Jennie which you

Well I don't know as there is much use to tell you more if you do not now look at it as we do. Some more words would be useless. I hope if you feel otherwise, that we are not doing right you will overlook it for we are doing what seems to us to be best and not from selfishness towards Marion.

With love to you and Mr. Edison
and the children I am -

Your loving sister,
Mary E. Miller

* After that night Jimmie played
her own expenses but still did the
same for Marion as before.

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Dear Miss

It has been some time since I heard from you and thought I would write a few lines to let you know I still live. I suppose you know we have been having company since the 29th of December till our last guest left us Thursday and Louise and I have been enjoying a little quiet. it had a bad effect on Louise however as she has a very severe headache Sunday and I like to tell her it is from lack of company in the house. Then we have made a trial of an arrangement by which we take lunch at noon at the office so I do not go home after I leave the house at 8 am until 5 PM and this may have had the bad effect. Today Louise with some young ladies part of whom are visiting Mrs Alexander came down and prepared our lunch and they gave us a very fair dinner. Oyster Soup. Roast Veal & coffee &c. &c. of which we enjoyed.

Aunt Alice and Louise talked some of making you a visit this week but they finally gave it up for which I suppose you

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My rejoice. How are you and family? I have
not heard a word from you since Mother
came home Xmas and I don't think it sounds
for us not to be more social. Canton is a
gay town and business generally is very
lively but at present my work is quite slack.
Louise and I were at Cleveland the other
day which is the only time we have been away
since Xmas. except one day we went to Akron.

Lewis was down and spent Sunday with
us. Ira was down Thursday but ~~met~~ me at
Cleveland. Father down last week Monday and
Tuesday but did not go to the house.

I hope to hear from you soon and will endeavor
to answer it promptly. How is the Phonograph
coming on? Our Electric Light Co. are talking
of adding incandescent system. Give me
some Edison points that I may talk the
system up with the balance of stock holders.
We have a strong Co and a good one so I want
them to have the best system.

Give my Love and regards to all.
With Love from Louise.

Robert

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Canton, Ohio. May 21, 1882.

Dear Ming,

Not having heard from you lately and the time slipping swiftly by I drop you these few lines trusting they will find you in excellent health and as bright, happy and cheerful as any could well be. Louise and I are the same old, dried up, recumbent as of yore and I think our daily average now will not exceed four or five callers. This living in retirement is quite a change and tends to make one appreciate a little society when they chance to have it. Our prospects brighten a little as Aunt Richd. (Mrs. Clark) came last Wednesday and we much expect our friends to make things lively for her.

Canton is the same old town except that it is growing rapidly. The lumber people are coming in and the great match works will soon be in operation and then the McLeod signal co. are putting up quite an extensive works and will be in operation this summer so you see Canton is pushing forward quite fast.

Uncle Jacob expected to start for Schlotz this morning but missed the train so I

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guess he will go tomorrow morning.
Aunt Alice is well and so are Uncle
Levi's folks except the baby but it is
doing nicely and will soon be all right.
How is the Phonograph? I see by
the papers that everything is ready
for their manufacture. I would like one
last of this month or first of next if
I can get it as we want to have a
Laud Pite soon and I would like to have
one (a Phonograph) to put in a tent and
change say 5¢ to hear and see it. I think
quite a little could be made off it for
the church. I suppose Father
has been with you considerably lately
and you see a great deal of him. I have
not heard how his mission has been
getting on but I expect "Vincent" will
get there. Give Father my love and also
give my love to all. accepting a great
deal of Laure's and mine for your own self.
Write soon and often.
C. Sullman

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Can'ton, Feb. 15 1896
By W. GEORGE H., Buffalo, N. Y.,

Dear Mina

Yours of the 10th came duly to hand
and your valentine duly received for which we
thank you very much in deed.

We had been thinking you were being kept very
busy catching up lost time caused by the girls
visits and were hoping you would soon catch
up so we might hear from you. We had a letter
from Theodore the other day in which he said he
thought Mary enjoyed her little visit to New Haven
very much but you and Grace had said nothing
or so little that he hardly knew what you thought.

We had a nice letter from John the other day
also and they seem to be getting along nicely.

This morning is valentines morning and
Robert Jr and Rachel Alice have been having fine
times. Yesterday afternoon we gave Robert Jr 50c
and he went down town and bought five valentines.
Smith put them in envelopes for them and this
morning about 6 o'clock they got up, dressed them
selves and took their valentines around to their neighbor.

hood friends and it is quite cold so they were glad²
to get in the house after having gotten around.

The morning mail brought Robert J. four Rachel
three and Lewis two. - We count the contents of your
letter which we received yesterday as Louise and my
valentine.

The morning mail brought
us the announcement cards of Julia Conner and
Homer Houser's wedding Wednesday. We had some
little fun over this affair as it was intended to be
a strict secret and no one in Akron was to be known
of it but you know we have some friends in New York
and Miss Conner has been there most of the winter getting
her trousseau and one of our friends met her and
Julia told her of her approaching wedding and she
in turn wrote the fact to Louise as a piece of news
and Louise wrote it to Mary. Mary got the letter Tuesday
noon but did not believe that Julia was to be married
the next day but called her up over the phone and con-
gratulated her and of course Julia wanted to know
what and from where she had heard so she came
over to the house and had a talk with Mary. That
shows how things get around and how almost im-
possible it is to get along in this world without
letting others know what we do.

Jessie Hughes who visited us last winter is
attending the wedding of a cousin in Cincinnati
and we want her to come here after the wedding
and remain until after my case is over as she is a
great comfort and pleasure to Louise and is very

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By W. Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y.,

full of life. She is the kind of person we will need around us during these days of trial.

Last night we accepted invitations to the theatre. night before Mrs Dickinson, whose husband owns the daily paper here (Record) took dinner with us and about 7:30 Probate Judge Wise came on and we played cards until about 10 when Mrs Dickinson came and we had a Melch Rabbit. Tuesday evening we went to our Chautauqua circle at the church. Monday evening we went over to Mrs Dickinson's. Saturday last we went, by invitation, to the theatre. Friday evening Lewis having been invited to an afternoon and remaining until after 7 in the evening I went after her and we then remained there (Fred Hartzells) until about 11 o'clock.

This is as far back as I recall without an effort just now but it is enough to show you that we are not neglected nor without friends in Canton.

If Grace is there she will perhaps remember Miss Minnie Meyer who went to the same school Grace did, she gave me some very complimentary remarks concerning our Grace and I was very much pleased to hear her so highly thought of by her school friends.

We have not heard from Akron lately except from
 Father over the phone yesterday and as we did
 not talk social affairs we are not sure whether Mary
 has gotten home or not. The last letter we had
 when she was looking for her the next day <sup>She is probably
 gone. Her Mary Edelman
 who lives with her
 and goes to work there
 my mother's family</sup>

By the way Miss if you have not subscribed
 for the Century for us for 1896. we will be content
 without your doing so as you have done so much
 else and we have considerable other reading matter
 so that we need not get behind the times. I simply
 mention this thinking perhaps you had subscribed
 for it and thought it was coming right along
 where as we have received none but the copy you sent.

Dr McKinley gave a large reception on the 5th
 and Dr. Cora Mr & Mrs Atterholts Mr & Mrs Sadler
 and some 20 others came down from Akron. the six
 named came to our house and we all went to the
 reception together. Dr & Mrs Andrew Flood were here and
 took dinner with us. The Akron people had a special
 train home and the Floods went home Thursday morn.
 it was a very nice reception and largely attended.

I am glad you and Mrs Edison were pleased
 with my statement. Everyone that has seen it pro-
 nounces it complete so I am feeling quite good
 over it. In regard to this last suit for \$2000
 against Father and me. I sent Father a copy of the

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By W. Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y.,

the petition and a statement showing my side and it is a plainer statement than the other as the charges are more direct and can be answered by the production of checks &c bearing Receipts and endorsements so there can be no question in the matter and I don't believe they can open the settlement of the administrators at all.

How is the Mill coming on? We have not heard about it for some time and are wondering how it is coming along these days. We see by the papers that Mr Edison is working with this new photographic process. We understood your brother Sam is interested in a new gas tip and burner that is going to cause gas to displace electric light. It is a chemically treated substance that, although old lights the gas when the gas comes in contact with it. A sample tip was put on our fixtures here and worked splendidly, lighting the gas when first put on and then burned off and about half an hour after lighted it again. We understood Sam had not told Mr E. about his being in this thing but I guess there is no particular secret about the fact. Well now Miss I have written you quite a long one.

entire and although it will reach you a day or two late I trust you will accept it as our remembrance of the day. Give our very best love and wishes to the balance of the family. We trust the measles will not be serious and that they will soon be past.

We never heard any thing of Marion's wedding was it published at all? Do you hear any thing from her and how she is getting along?

Hoping to hear from you soon and often and again thanking you I am

Yours Robert

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—DEPT. OF ST.—
Caution & June 23^d 1896.
37 W. Genesee St., Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Mina

Yesterday was the day set for the trial of the second of my embezzlement cases and the day is past with a result almost identical with the 9th of March inasmuch as the prosecution had to admit they had nothing with which to make a case and therefore asked that it be dismissed which was done. This is number two but they have given us this word that number (3) shall be treated in the same way within two weeks and without any arraignment for trial as I am again a free man and no fear of criminal prosecution. Now my efforts shall be put forth to clear me of my creditors. I have already set the ball in motion but it has not rolled far as yet.

We are all well and happy and wish you the same. We are going to Chautauqua as soon as the other case is dismissed. When are you going? McKinley is the great event out this way. With love and affection
Yours Affly
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EDWARD B. MILLER,

AGENCY OF SPECIALTIES,
1205 N. MARKET ST.

Canton, Ohio, Oct 8th 1896.

Dear Minna

Your letter of Monday with check for 72.00
only received this morning and I thank you ever so
much for your kindness and promptness.

We too are trying to get settled for the winter and
are cleaning house a little as we go along. This does not
interfere with me much but it keeps the house cold
and in confusion.

We have been quite gay with
it all. Last night being the first for some time that we
have dined and even then Louise should have attended a
meeting down town at 7.30 but forgot it.

Night before last Lucile Stevens (Georgia Igo's Sister) was
married and had a very nice small wedding. I spent
Monday afternoon and Tuesday helping them decorate the
house and we made quite a nice appearance with what-
little we had to work with. One thing that kept us out amply
ly was ten dozen large American trawlers sent to a Mrs. Wallis
and loaned by her to help decorate and then another dozen
a present from Mrs. Russell. We put these on a mantle
and it made a very fine picture. You do not know
any of the parties that took part and I will not attempt
a description of the affair.

Tomorrow at 11, Louise is invited to "Kew" or "Dore" luncheon
at Mrs. Julius Whiting, and that is the only thing on the tapis
at present. Of course weekly delegations are in order all

the time but we do not waste much time there looking after them. We generally give Saturday afternoon to McKinley. but McKinley does not visit until Saturday afternoon to receive all his delegates as they come at the rate of three or four every day and 20 to 30 every Saturday. I think we have fully 25000 strangers in town every Saturday and any where from 20 to 50 bands of music so you see Saturday is the day.

Other days we have from four to six bands and about 5000 to 10000 people—quite fair but not like Saturdays. The merchants calculate that over \$100000.00 is left in Canton each Saturday and about \$20000.00 each week so you see Canton is somewhat the gainer whether McKinley is elected or not.

Geo. Fisher is somewhat on the other side of the fence but he has always been more or less on that side and it is not surprising now that he should favor Silver. He is not alone as I am afraid we will find in about a month, as Silver has many friends of course not so many as this way as West and Smith and they will count up with a little. I do not think they can defeat McKinley however.

We will accept the green traitors with many thanks and will try ripening them under glass. Your last couple of shipments from you seem to have been unfortunate but it will be all right again now as these irregularities cannot and do not last long you know. Ed is remaining in Akron and should his Agency

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of Specialties pan out I will look after the office work and Ed will take the road and sell the goods and look up new business. There is some doubt as to its panning out however and the Agency may "die a young man". Ed is betting (he was down Monday morning) of going in to a silver plating establishment in Akron should his Agency fail or perhaps anyhow as they offer him the Township but he must put in some money and he has not determined what he will do. Ed's property is so incanted that he hates to withdraw any of it and take the risk in something new and just now it is almost impossible to borrow any money which he hates to do, so he is in quite a quandary as to what is best for him.

I am quite busy with Chautauquea work and some appearances will give it all my attention as other avenues of employment do not open up very rapidly.

We are all very well and as happy as can be. Our 32000 Cent suit has been put off until Jan. owing to the sickness of one of the attorneys on the other side, and owing somewhat to politics.

Louise will write you soon. She puts in so much of her spare time in the scrap book material that she does not get away of her letters written and she has complaints from all sides. Write soon and often. Give no love to all. from all Yours. (Robert)

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Canton O Nov 11th 1896.
Chautauque, N. Y.

Dear Miss

Election is over and Canton is quieting down considerably. There are no more large delegations coming and the visitors among our friends are departing so that even socially we notice a difference.

Our Julie is the guest of the Mr Samuel J Roberts of Ky former chairman Republican State Conv of Ky and one of the ring leaders in bringing that state into the Republican fold. He is quite a man three days and his name is no longer of local fame. He is quite in it. Yesterday was then wedding anniversary and he presented her with a check for \$500.00. I suppose the result of or at least the election had something to do with that but it is no small present these days and especially when here to fore a 500 present from here meant considerable. He is now a power in Ky and will undoubtedly receive something quite fine in the way of appointment in Ky.

Monday night Mr & Mrs Fred East. Lewis and I called on the President-Elect and wife and had a very nice chat. They have been very nice to us all through the campaign and we have shown them such attention as we could. I have not concluded to ask for any cabinet position as yet, but like Fred Grant would consider it quite a compliment.

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were one standard measure

Gave a joke on me the other day. Not long ago some one—Mrs John Smith—asked me for the autograph of Mr Edison for a lady who was stopping with her and I readily said certainly, I will bring you one next Sunday but for some reason I forgot it and finally they sent for it when I commenced to look for one and behold I came pretty near having to report that I had none but fortunately Smith found one among some of her old letters and that let us out. I was greatly surprised to find I had had so few letters from Mr Edison and it was quite a job away to have to hunt so long for his signature when I promised so readily to give them one any time.

Now the election is over I suppose the Will will brown and everything take on life and action. The papers are trying to make it appear so now but as yet I have seen but little serious change except in talk and of course that counts in the long run.

Pratt is a little dull these days but after so much we are quite ready for a little rest. You know we expected Miss Leach of Louisiana to visit us last week but she was too ill to come so we are without visitors except as Ed and Louis have been down from Okla. to

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Stay over night and perhaps a day. They both seem unsettled in regard to business but Ed seemed more so than usual. I think however he will pick up again soon and that everything will come out all right aft' all.

Every thing is quiet down this way so far as we are concerned except that the Chancers are making them selves more disliked, if possible, by cutting near people and getting cool towards even their friends. I believe Mrs G. is taking a new "role" and is going to them socially and devote herself to the church as she has not been going out any of late and has been elected Sec. of the Woman's Home missionary society of the church. I hope she will find comfort in it some how.

How is your little family getting along? Ann is doing finely and all are well and happy. I think Louis looks very much like Charles used to and he seems to have manner like his occasionally. Give them all, our love and let us hear from you soon and often.

Yours Robt. H.

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Monday November the sixteenth.

My Dearest Mina -

When your good letter came - I thought
in a day or two I would reply - thereby placing my-
self in a position to hear from you some again.
But with the election excitement - we found
but very little time for anything. Now that it
is all over - we have a breathing spell - and I
think all of us must be glad. It was
such a constant strain - the visiting delegations
and all the excitement - that would naturally
keep us in an unsettled condition. The
night of the election - we asked a number of
people to come here for the rehearsals. Our
telephone was connected directly with the
Mr. Hinley residence - so we heard distinctly
all the messages that came to him by telephone.
It seemed strange to talk or rather to listen to

N.Y. and when Mr. Hobbs congratulated him that
could have waited no longer - and by
eleven o'clock they all made down to con-
gratulate the President elect - Grace - Mary - Lou
Ann & Lewis were down - and we all made
a night of it - The men were invited to a supper
at the hotel as we came home about three
o'clock - and about half past four they came
But by that time the election began to look
very doubtful - and people generally were
feeling pretty blue - Robert said they stopped
in the Mr. Kirby house in the up and
everything was quite subdued - But it was
finally settled all night - and we are all
hoping and looking forward to the prosperity
that we all want so much - and need so
badly - As many great men came in to pay
their respects to the Governor - I hoped Mr. Edison
might feel tempted to come - I know that
makes you smile - But really it has been
wonderful the way the people have paid
tribute to our man - The day Mr. Chauncey
Depew was here Mary & Grace were down - and
we went to take Mrs. Mr. Kirby some flowers

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Mother Miller had sent her - and had the pleasure
of meeting Mr. Sapiro - If you can call it a
phaeton - for of course they never remember you
though Mary & Grace had both met him - I
think - By the way I was quite surprised the
other day to receive a note from Mr. Mallard
Bruce giving me that list of his Mother's letters
novels - which if read in the order he gives them
will give me a very good idea of English History.

It seems to me I spoke to you about it - and
you said you would like to have it - he
said he was going to send you one. They have
as he sent me four I will enclose one to
you - also the "Rhyming Limerick on the Bones"
which you said I would never think of again
and expect you have decided somewhere ago
that I had forgotten it - but the teacher from
whom I received the copy, was slow in comply-
ing with my request - You were ever so kind
to send me such a list of papers & magazines - I
found ever so many things that I wanted -

and fairly hair-raised now in getting the pictures⁴
ready for the book - If you ever come my good
pictures of the recent horse-show - I would be
glad to have them as I want to have it - for
have - and did you say you could give me
any illustrations or pictures of Mr. Edison's in-
ventions? I would E for Edison and so far
I haven't found much for that - presume they
would be in scientific papers - or magazines -

Do not bother about it - if you haven't them
all right - but I thought if you had - and
could gather them to gether without any trouble
I could use them - The other afternoon I had
a few ladies in for tea, and to meet Mrs.
Roberts - she was here on a visit - and we
got on the subject of the scrap-book - and I
have since heard of them - who have com-
menced now so they seemed to like the
idea - You are a true friend dear - to ask
me so cordially to come see you this winter
and I think I would rather come than any
thing I know of - That is if the invitation will
hold good long enough for I could hardly come
until after the holidays - And then if anything
is all well and you still want me to come

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It would give me more pleasure than I can
express. It seems such ages since I have
made a visit, that I may not know how to
accept such joy. But as John & Theodore would
say, I know it would be "smooth." I had a
nice letter from Lillian Brown the other day.
She said they were in N. Y. for the Month
and seemed much pleased that her sister
Florence was to be with her - so I presume
she is through school. She hopes with me
of the Saturday they spent with you in N. Y.
and you must have had a fine time.
They surely do have the best of fun and
I am so glad and live to get their letters
and hear of their good times. Give Edith ever
so much love for me - your spoke of her being
with you - and kiss the dear babies for me
all - Our children are all well, and happy
and Lewis is growing in an astonishing manner.

Peter has been given some other work
 now - and he seems to get along beautifully
 without her - In fact Peter's letter have been
 much more smoothly, according to my way of
 thinking, and I feel quite relieved - Peter
 joins me in a heart full of love for you &
 Mr. Edwin - and he sure to write me when
 ever you care for us do so love to hear from
 you - You must be getting more than
 your share from Mother while for us
 have not had a letter from her for some
 time - I wish to hear that you are getting
 along so nicely - Edwin was down last
 week - and said she had been over to the
 house to spend the day - This weather is
 just like Spring - we have the windows all
 open & can hardly realize it is the middle
 of November - And only a little over a week
 until Thanksgiving - I hope you will have a
 very happy one - I am sure we all have a
 great deal to be thankful for - With ever so
 much love - my dear Niece - to you - I am
 Your loving sister, Jane

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Canton, Ohio, November 25 1896

Dear Mine

Although we cannot as a family be all together tomorrow we can be just as thankful and our hearts can be just as united as though we were under the same roof and that we may know a little of each others doings I will pen you these few lines to let you know we are as happy as it is possible for us to be and that we wish you a most happy Thanksgiving.

We ordered ourselves a nice turkey yesterday morning and counted on having a quiet day to ourselves and we probably will although we countermanded our order for turkey. We had good reason to countermand the order yesterday but did not do so until this morning and after countermanding it we had no cause to change our minds. About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the express man came with a basket and the eyes of the children opened wide in expectancy. I tore off the brown paper to find a fine 10 lb. turkey underneath and the children except Luis were quite satisfied with this being the first whole turkey Luis had seen he has not gotten over it today and when the girl from

it out he cried and said he wanted his turkey, and he has kept asking ever since, who sent the turkey? Who bring the turkey? So you see we are nicely fixed for turkey even if we did countermand ours this morning. You know they say it never rains but it pours and I think that is the case this time so that next time we will be left entirely but then I am going to practice my lesson of recent years and not cross the bridge until I come to it. So this morning when another express man brought just such another basket we thought some one had made a mistake and duplicated the order but on looking at the tag we found our mistake as the one we cited yesterday was from James and the one this morning was from Mrs Roberts of Lexington Ky. so we planned to keep one until Sunday by sending it down to the Ice whs. to be put in ice and the other we will eat to-morrow. Friday and Saturday.

Mrs Roberts is the wife of Mr Saml J. Roberts of Ky, the chairman of the Republican state Central Com. during the recent campaign you met her I think at Chautauqua somewhere a year ago, as she visited us there about a week.

Do you think we have anything to be thankful for when we have friends so kind to us as this? Now while our friends away from here have been thinking of us we have not been forgotten by our friends in Canton as you could well imagine did you know how popular we had been

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for some little time back in a society way. (not business).
This afternoon and evening will serve as an example of
my experience for some time, at least frequently they
have been as thick. This afternoon Linnie is over spend-
ing the afternoon with Mrs Day, and will go directly from
there to Mrs Fred Fart's where we are invited for dinner
this eve. and we will leave early so as to attend a party
at Miss Ella Buders this eve in honor of her Brother Will
now of New Mexico and one of my most charming chums
in Canton in years gone by and before his leaving for N. Mex.
So you see although in a business way I am not forming
socially, or am not outcasts. Even your Aunt Marcia invited
Linnie last Wednesday afternoon to come down to a company
she was giving but as Linnie had invited an invalid friend
to come spend the day with her she could not accept your
Aunt's invitation. We were out twice for dinner last
week once at Mrs Julius Whitings and 2nd at Mrs Lewis
Jollars and we were out each evening but Wednesday and
Saturday eve. Last eve we made some calls for a change
and Sunday eve we had callers and callers from the university
camp and to the extent that they called they are diverted.
but that is not an uncommon thing any more and

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we pay little attention to such matters. As I said before we are not social outcasts and I am just as confident that my business relations will one day be as agreeable as our social relations although I sometimes get greatly discouraged when my efforts at finding employment meet with my liking meet with such ready rebuff. but although as I say discouraged at times I still keep in the ring and come at them again so that until I am completely knocked out I do not intend to give up the fight. When it is going to lead me I cannot say and with conservative limitations I care less. I realize that the blow I received came pretty near flooring me but the reaction will I am sure floor the other party and bring me off victorious in every way.

I have not a care of the Blues today although matters have not changed materially so far as I know and money matters are no easier with me than for years past (3). but some how today I am confident and must so express myself and the expressing myself now will keep me from the Blues later on if matters seem cloudy.

You have Theodore with you tomorrow. we wish we might all be with you and jolify over the success of Yale today as personally we are more interested in today's game than last Saturdays. I suppose we

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will know in a short time how the game that has already ended did end, but as I don't know while I write this I hope it ended favorably to Yale.

We have not seen any Akron people since the election or rather Ed was down one night - a couple of weeks ago. but we had a nice letter - slightly doleful but still nice - from Mother the other day and I immediately wrote her a long letter some what on the same strain as this one but giving our doings more in detail. They all seem to be doing nicely in Akron.

Tell Theodore we got his letter of Sunday and will answer it very soon. His songs enclosed were very good and encouraging but hardly fitting with the result. He can soon come out and either make a foot ball of the world or hear the reason why.

Tomorrow there are to be two games here and as the one in the morning is between our young friends we think we will take it in. I have never seen much of a game and really I don't know anything of it so I am going to-morrow to learn a few points and be better prepared to enjoy a good game when the opportunity comes.

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What has become of the Mill? Election is over and
I am disappointed inasmuch as Silver friend Bryan
did not get there. The truth compels me to say
that contrary to the Newspaper reports that John Sherman
is to be Sec. of State. I am the one to occupy that
high position and I have a very difficult question
before me whether to recognize Cuba belligerency or
not and how to deal with Spain. I am not so much
concerned about Spain as settling Cuba will probably
settle Spain. This applies to myself but I will
not give you my interpretation or try to the words Cuba
and Spain. You see if you cannot make the
situation between these countries illustrate your life
or some feature of it (Moral).

Well I don't know what I am rattling off here
as it is almost too dark for me to think let alone
write but no matter what I may have said I meant
to imply that we were enjoying the best of health and
spirits and that each of us wish each of you and
yours the same thankful spirit and health and
happiness. With love to all from all
Robert.

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Chautau, N. Y. Sept 5, 1898

Dear Miss

Louise did not want to go away at present so I could not persuade her to go to Abion and then go part way East with you. I wanted her son so much to go to New York next week and meet her Aunt Sadie who is coming home from a two years sojourn in Europe but she will not do it so I am afraid you will have to give her up at this time. Perhaps when we go abroad she may conclude to make a resting place somewhere before sailing.

We had a card from Grace this morning written in Paris and our Grace is really on the path of teaching by this time and I am sure she will make a success. I had a short talk with the President the other day when he was here and he said John would get a release all right.

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He remembered he had another year at school and seemed very much interested. Mr. DeFrance of this place said he was at the White House and the President and others were playing cards when the news of Theodore's death came. When the President got up from the card table at once and quit playing. I think Father and Mother stood the shock remarkably well and I hope they will continue to gain. Our little family with the exception of Louis' whooping cough, is in fine state of health. Chautau is just commencing in the State fair and this morning we find all things considered and I think they will have a good fair.

The weather has been fearfully hot here for some days but a nice breeze is blowing today.

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When are you coming out next again? The people here and in Abion think in all a great family so we do not go to Abion to make any thing of a visit and none of the family ever come down here to make a visit. Perhaps that is so but I know for a fact that we do not begin to see enough of you and we would be delighted to have a visit some day.

Give our love to all the family.

Yours,
Robert

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Alison O May 16, '74

Dear Mema

I think I will go out
and write to you. What are the
boys doing with their alligators
I would like to see how they have
got them fixed we have ours in
the greenhouse in a pen that
Mama and John and I built.
Do you like to get to your own
house. Now to the boys like it
I suppose they have lots of
fun Do they have boys
some ours and ever ship them
one night Well I ^{guess} John
has told you everything inter-
esting so I will close. 11-6112

Yours truly
Theodore.

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Dated Nov York 25

To Mrs Thomas A. Edison,

Grevellyn Park,

Long to hear of Mr Edison's

accident how is he?

James A. Russell

217 West 83.

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Harrison, N.J. Oct. 28. 1889

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison.

Madam.

Allow me to recall your attention to a visit paid you by Rev. Mr. Gutteridge, a duplicate of whose card I herewith enclose.

On his return to Harrison he spoke of the polite reception you gave him and of the promise you made to ^{Mr. Gutteridge} present to ^{Mr. Edison} Mr. Edison the case of ^{the} the Davis Memorial Church which he represented. He was so much encouraged by the ^{interest} ^{you} ^{promised} to take in the matter ^{that} he suggested to the Board of Trustees that their failure to receive any reply from

Mr. Edison was much more likely
to arise from oversight than from
unwillingness to assist in a
good cause. I have therefore been
requested by said Trustees to
say that they still entertain the
hope that Mr. Edison will regard
their application favorably and
permit to them through Mr.
Gutteridge a subscription in aid
of said Davis Memorial Church.

I am,

Madam,

Yours Most Obediently,
George Noble,
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Paris le Samedi 26 Mars
Madame,

Bien que je n'ai pas l'honneur
de vous connaître le nom d'Edison
ne m'est pas inconnu et j'ai été très
heureux de savoir l'arrivée de ma
fille pour Miss Edison.
Hier elle me dit que vous seriez très
contente de l'emmener avec vous à
New-York pour 2 ou 3 mois ou
plus. Par le peu que j'ai entendu de
vous Madame je sais que je puis vous
confier absolument ma fille et tout
en vous apprenant le français elle pourra
elle-même apprendre l'anglais. Je vous
serais très obligée de me dire si la chose
est stricte et quant me comptez partir?
Je serais heureuse d'aller vous confier
mon jeune homme et de le faire avec
vous en attendant.

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1889

This is a letter from the Mother of the French Girl who came back to this country with the Edison's after the Paris Exposition. She was obviously, a friend of Marion Edison. ~~and~~ This letter asks if the offer of a three month visit in the U. S. was sincere. It seems that the French girl was to teach Miss Edison French.

None seems to be E. de Mayery.

Spencer
Newark,
Oct. 30. 1896.

My dear Mrs Edison,
I looked up the
word Kinetoscope
in the Century Dic-
tionary this morn'g & find
that it comes from
KIVYTOS verbal adj. of
KIVEIV to move, &
SKOTTEIV to see -
seeing motion. What

wonderful things that
the Vitascope are!

Must thank you
for your kind attention
to my niece & the
other friends who
accompanied me.
We shall long re-
member our pleasant
afternoon in the labora-
tory & phonograph
works. With kind regards
to Mr Edison, I am, my
dear Mrs Edison, yours,
very truly,
Edw. Doane,

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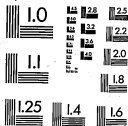
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